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STATE LEAGUE PLANS

BY DAVID JACK

IT'S not just the Olympic Airways National League which faces a mountain of problems sorting out its format for 1987.

The various State Leagues - in particular those based on Sydney and Melbourne - are apprehensive, viewing with understandable trepidation what is going to happen to their competitions.

Ten teams from the present 24-strong NSL are due to be relegated at the end of this season.

Where will they go? That is the \$64,000 question which is puzzling administrators in the NSW and Victorian Soccer Federations.

Melita Eagles, probably the most powerful club in the NSW State League, has recommended one scheme for a State Super League, embracing teams from Newcastle and Canberra as well as the Sydney-Wollongong sides.

Sam Vella, secretary of Melita, said: "The suggested new competition would have to include at least eight clubs from the present State League, plus about six from the NSL."

But if this plan is accepted, three State League teams would be kicked out without filling the dreaded bottom relegation spot.

That would hardly be just treatment for clubs which have stood loyally by the State competition when so many others defected to the National League.

State president John Constantine promised his executive would shortly have a special meeting for a full and frank discussion of the 1987 set-up.

"We are working on the problem," said Constantine.

The State president made one pledge, however, when he said: "We will not interfere with normal promotion and relegation in the State competition."

This means one club WILL go down and one WILL come up this year.

Constantine also believes the present State League clubs should stay put - apart from the relegation of the bottom club.

If the 1987 competition includes 12 of the present State teams plus up to six from the Olympic Airways National League, New South Wales might be stuck with an unworkable 18-team State League.

George Wallace, secretary of the Victorian Soccer Federation, admits his Federation has "left the problem to one side for the time being."

"We will adjust our arrangements as soon as

we know what is happening in the NSL," said Wallace.

"If only two Victorian teams are relegated from the national competition, these would be added to

the present State League," he said, "but we don't want more than 16 teams in the Victorian State League."

He went on: "Everything depends on how

many of our teams are kicked out of the NSL."

"We must be flexible until we see exactly what the 1986 NSL produces."

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NEW ZEALAND PUTS AUST. TO SHAME

BY DAVID JACK

NEW ZEALAND television will provide extensive coverage of the World Cup from Mexico, the sort of coverage which will put Australia's minimal TV effort to shame.

The Kiwis have decided to screen 34 matches "live" while Australia, through the ABC, appears interested only in the final stages "live" of the greatest Soccer show on earth.

In the first round, NZTV will present 18 matches. This will be followed by complete coverage of the second round and later games leading up to the final on June 30.

The ABC still has not grasped the significance of top-line international Soccer on the box.

Not that Australia's commercial channels would have done any better.

Two years ago when the Olympic Games were staged in Los Angeles, Soccer was by far the biggest crowd-puller ... even in a non-Soccer country.

But viewers in Australia were given virtually

nothing by Channel 10 which appeared to regard the Olympic football tournament as an intrusion on the supposedly more important Olympic sports.



John Adshead

If the ABC is not going overboard about next month's World Cup, at least the SBS network realises what viewers want.

Although ABC has bought the World Cup rights, one SBS spokesman confidently predicts the ethnic station will screen much more from Mexico than the ABC.

An announcement on SBS's involvement is expected this week.

So Australian viewers should be able to see the great names of world Soccer, including Maradona, Platini, Rummenigge, Robson, Dalglish, Falcao and Junior.

Of course, due to reception difficulties in many homes, the stars will be seen through a constant snowstorm but this is something we must tolerate.

At least the Kiwis can expect good coverage and a perfect picture.

Lucky New Zealand!

NZ is even sending its own commentator, David Allan, to Mexico to team up with British television's vast hordes of commentators.

And World cup men John Adshead, Adrian Elrick, Steve Sumner and Sam Malcolmson will provide expert analysis from the NZ studio.



Karl Heinz Rummenigge, one of the world stars who might not be seen by TV viewers in Australia.

COMPETITION for places in the "new" Soccer-oo squad in going to be particularly fierce this year.

That is a very good thing.

While national coach Frank Arok is, understandably, reluctant to ditch the players who performed so well for Australia in 1985, he must be extremely happy about the number of newcomers knocking on the door for Socceroo selection.

If we look only at the Northern Division of the Olympic Airways National League, it is amazing the number of players staking their claims for a green and gold jersey.

Having a quick run through the 12 clubs, we come up with names like Tony Dakos, David Lowe, Mike Gibson, Robbie Wheatley, Robbie Slater, Paul Carter, Craig Moffitt, Robert Hooker, Peter Tredinnick, Tony Franken, Frank Farina, Mark Brown, Gary Phillips, Gerry Gomez, Chris Kalantals, Arno Bertogna and Rod Brown.

Admittedly, some of those listed are not exactly new faces.

For instance, Farina, Franken, Gomez, Tredinnick, Bertogna and Wheatley have been included in, or on the fringe of, Socceroo squads in the past.

Basically, though, all the 17 players named are strangers to regular national team selection.

Some, like Mark Brown, Moffitt and Hooker, have not, so far, been considered for top representative honours.

But it is a healthy sign when, only a few months after Australia concluded its challenge for the 1986 World Cup in Mexico, a completely new squad is now available to challenge for future World Cups or Olympic tournaments.

If Frank Arok had to select an Australian team to play right now, we do not think he could leave out players like Tony Dakos, David Lowe, Gerry Gomez, Frank Farina and Robbie Wheatley.

And remember this assessment of talent is based only on what is available in the Northern Division... In other words, only 50 per cent of the players in the NSL.

What makes the situation even more heartening is the fact that virtually all of the players we have listed are dinky di Aussies.

Gone are the days when Australia overloaded its international teams with Englishmen and Scots who failed to make the grade in their own countries.

There will always be room in Australian Soccer for quality imported players if they can live up to the standard set by their predecessors like Peter Wilson, Branko Buljevic, Jimmy Rooney, Adrian Alston, Billy Vojtek and Stan Ackersley.

Players of this calibre do much to brighten up the sometimes dull entertainment at club level.

Yet who would doubt that, at international level, Australia is now in the happy position of being able to do without imports?

It is a fact that, instead of importing players for the national squads, we are now able to export.

Craig Johnston, Eddie Krmecic, Tony Dorigo and David Mitchell are living evidence of this — no matter how we may mourn their loss to the game in this country.

Opinions are divided about Soccer standards in Australia.

Old-timers insist the quality today does not compare with that of 10, 15 or 20 years ago.

Possibly the restrictions placed on the import of foreign talent may have caused some drop in playing standards but ASW does not entirely go along with that theory.

Even in the heady days of 1974 when Australia actually qualified for the last 16 in the World Cup, it would not have been possible to supply a list of 17 LOCAL young players with credentials to represent their country.

And, though clubs in the Southern Division of the NSL do not shout the odds about THEIR young, local, talent, there may well be 34, not 17, players worthy of Socceroo selection going around this season.

It is, indeed, a very healthy situation.

HENDO MARCONI'S GOAL 'SUPERSUB'

BY FRANK COLETTA

WITH defeat imminent Marconi's caretaker-coach, Roberto Vieri produced his first master stroke as the man-in-charge when he sent on the not fully-fit Tony Henderson as substitute 15 minutes from the end to lead his side to a 3-2 victory against Sydney City.

The match was a bruising affair yet one that produced football of the highest quality and was fittingly ended by a man who completely turned the destiny of the match in just a quarter of an hour.

The man Henderson replaced, Martin Driene, opened the scoring as early as the second minute when Craig Mason, Marconi's skipper, flung in a long throw that was back-headed by Rod Brown. Driene clashed with Jean Paul de Marigny as he went up for the ball but managed to get his head to it and a goal resulted as the ball struck the right upright and went in.

Marconi continued their dominance and went 2-0 ahead in the 11th minute when David Lowe charged away off an Ian Gray pass and whipped in an inch-perfect cross behind the defence that Rod Brown tucked away.

As the match became more vigorous, Gerry Gomez was presented with a chance three metres from goal that he sent flying over the bar.

However City pegged a goal back in the 24th minute when Frank Farina flew down the left and crossed into the goal-mouth where John Kosmina slid the ball in from a couple of metres.

There were several wild tackles in the match and testimony to this were the prone figures of Driene,

Wheatley and Lee on the ground.

Sydney City in fact took command in the second half and had continual sorties at the Marconi defence.

Marconi for their part did little attacking and were content to attempt to weather the City onslaught. For a time it looked likely but in the 68th minute Farina was again in the thick of the action when he headed home a Paul Kay cross when he was left totally unattended.

The Slickers did not live up to their name in finishing however and could have taken the lead

on a couple of occasions but for some poor shooting in front of goal and brilliant goalkeeping by Bruce James.

Then on came Henderson to spur on the wilting Marconi side and crack the winner.

In the 84th minute Paul Kay played a back-pass straight to Rod Brown who turned on the ball and scooted off towards the left wing.

He drew two defenders before clipping a neat pass to the unmarked Henderson. The veteran centre-back charged away. Once in the area, he shook off the last defender, made space and sent a rasping left foot drive beyond Alex McPherson into the goal to secure the victory.

Hendo was particularly pleased with the goal but also added, "The whole display was very good, a lot better than last week for sure."

His predecessor, Martin Driene was beaming when speaking of his goal and also the fact that Henderson presented him with his wish when he came off.

"I said to Hendo when he went on, to get a goal for us and sure enough he did!"

Eddie Thomson was dismayed at the way his side let the game slip away through missing so many chances. "We had something like six chances and scored only twice while they (Marconi) had three chances and got the lot: that is the most disappointing thing."

MARCONI: James, Carter, Rizzotto, Wheatley, Sterrey, Mason, Gray, Tredinnick, Lowe, Brown, Driene (Henderson 75)

SYDNEY CITY: McPherson, Rodriguez (Souess 62), Robertson, Hooker, De Marigny, Kay, Watson, Gomez, Farina, Kosmina, Lee (Saad 67)

Crowd: 1915
Referee: S. Mellings

RECORDS TUMBLE IN NSL

BY JEFF GALE

ADELAIDE City blasted their way into the NSL record books when they swept Footscray off Olympic Sportfield in a 7-1 massacre.

It was the first time the SA Club had won their opening game since the national competition was formed in 1977, and but for the Footscray goal in the final minute, it would have been City's biggest win with no goal conceded.

City crushed Mooroolbark 10-3 back in 1977.

With three Yugoslav newcomers in their line-up and a win from the opening round against City's 2-2 draw at Heidelberg, Footscray kicked off favourite.

But they were shattered with a goal from Charlie Villani in the 24th minute after his first headed effort was stopped by one of Footscray's imports, Zoran Nikitovic.

Then Joe Mullen, running as City's central striker, took the ball on his chest from Sergio Melita who got it from Aurelio Vidmar to give the keeper no chance with a volley in the 42nd minute.

Steve Maxwell, the home team's tank-like front runner made it 3-nil at half-time and in the 45th minute with two minutes injury time remaining.

Home midfielders Brian Northcote (40 minutes) and Adrian Santrac (24th) had been replaced by Fortu Constanzo and Gary Higgins when they were forced off the field with injuries.

Melita moved to midfield to let Higgins slot in at fullback.

Into the second half it was Constanzo who netted in the 54th minute from Melita who got the ball from Villani, then Maxwell struck again in the 76th minute followed by Melita two minutes later with Maxwell's hat-trick the next score.

Footscray's consolation came when Zoravko Lugic collected a ball which rebounded off a defender.

The third star import Vukcenic worked hard at the back and also threw himself into attack but it was City's day and with two away games to come in succession the seven goals will be needed before they next play at home.



ROD BROWN

BRILLIANT FRANKEN SAVES CANBERRA

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

DESPITE a non-stop display of attacking football by home side Canterbury Marrickville Olympic, Canberra's magnificent goalkeeper, Anthony Franken, denied them victory at Arlington Oval.

The final scoreline of 1-1, in fact, flattered the visitors as in the first half, Canterbury with a little more composure and qual-

ity finishing, could have had three more goals.

Chances fired in from Paul Kirwan, Chris Thamnidis (two), Nelio

Borges (two), were all brilliantly blocked by goalkeeper Franken.

Johnny Petas, Canterbury's central striker, opened the scoring in the ninth minute when Borges knocked a long ball out wide to Mario Philippou. Philippou crossed to Petas who raced away, beating Canberra's attempted offside trap to score Arlington Oval's first NSL goal.

Ian Barker, Canterbury's goalkeeper, did extremely well in the 29th minute when he blocked a dangerous attempt from veteran striker, Ian Gibson, from close-range.

Chris Thamnidis worked a quick one-two with Petas inside Canberra's box in the 32nd minute, but Thamnidis' final right-footed outstep shot from four metres was wide to the left of the target.

Canterbury looked a far tighter side in this match with the inclusion

of Arthur Svinos and Borges in their line-up. Svinos transferred during the week from Sydney Olympic, did very well in the middle, screening his back-four.

Five minutes from the break, Canberra hit back to equalise with new signing Ray Junna from Brisbane. Junna burst through down the left flank and angled a 12 metre drive that beat a fully stretched Barker.

Ten minutes after half-time, Borges had a glorious chance to put Canterbury ahead but that man Franken blocked his hot drive from 10 metres.

Canterbury was now creating heaps of chances but couldn't nail them past the cat-like Franken, as Borges again in the 65th minute tested Franken's ability.

Best performers were Anthony Franken for Canberra and Mario Philippou with Arthur Svinos for the home side.

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CANBERRA-INTER DOUBLE DOSE!

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS face their neighbouring "enemies" Inter Monaro twice within a space of five days.

Tomorrow night at the Bruce Stadium, Canberra will meet Monaro for their Nanda Soccer Cup replay of the match aborted when the ground lights at Seiffert Oval were turned off.

That match ended in a 3 all draw as the lights went out making extra time for

a result an impossibility.

Canberra last Sunday gained an away 1-1 draw against Canterbury Marrickville, whilst Inter Monaro was laced 5-1 at home by Sydney Olympic.

Canberra will be without star striker, Manis Lamond, who was transferred to Sydney Croatia for a record \$32,000, but

(Above) Manis Lamond has been transferred to Sydney Croatia for \$32,000.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

spare a thought for Monaro's coach, Frank Maccarone, who also has problems.

Sebastian Giampaolo, Monaro's crack striker, is almost certain to miss the Cup replay match through injury.

Compounding Maccarone's dilemma, is the fact that he has also lost another striker, Chris Thamnidis, who has transferred back to Sydney's Canterbury Marrickville Olympic.

And if that wasn't enough to drive Maccarone crazy, Monaro missed out on Ray Junna, who switched to rivals Canberra City.

A former A.I.S. Athlete, Junna has joined Canberra City Olympians from Brisbane Lions.

Canberra must make better use of their Peruvian international, Augusto Palacios, who relishes the ball knocked to his feet. Palacios is a potential match-winner if used correctly.

Tomorrow night's clash kicks off at 7.30pm.

The two clubs do a "Vera Lynn" next Sunday when they meet again in their Olympic Airways Soccer League encounter, also at the Bruce Stadium at 3pm.

TEAMWORK TAKES APIA TO TOP SPOT IN NSL

BY TOM ANDERSON

FORZA APIA ... FORZA APIA, was the cry that echoed round St George stadium on Sunday when the Lambert Park side brought back memories of the great old days of yore with their 1-0 win over Saints.

Indeed it was a moment relished by all and sundry in the Apia camp after a pre-season campaign that neared disaster.

Any comparison between this present Apia team and the one that went round during the pre-season is purely coincidental.

Apia now has a team firing smoothly and efficiently with teamwork the order of the day and every man in it playing his part.

They're tough, uncompromising, well-drilled with a spirit second to none.

And when their top class imports come from Poland, they will give this year's championship one enormous shake.

Saints - despite their two opening losses are no slouches as they showed in the second half of this battle, but their finishing leaves a great deal to be desired.

And until this is remedied they will struggle to win games against top opposition.

With the big coaching battle between Frank Arok of Saints and Rale Rasic of Apia in the news all week prior to this game, tactics were at a premium.

Both these fellows are thorough professionals and experts in their own right.

Apia won the game so I suppose Rale had the last laugh, but there was nothing in it as both teams are thoroughly well coached.

The all important goal was scored in the 25th minute by Vince Colagiuri - ironically a former St George junior.

Colagiuri had a fine game and his excellent skills led the St George defence a merry dance.

Saints had their chances in the second half, but unfortunately for them they were not accepted.

Every player in the Apia team was a hero, but special mention must be made of Arno Bertogna,

Terry Butler, Tom Steven and Mark Brown.

David Ratcliffe, Mike Gibson and Pedroy Ricoy played their hearts out for Saints as usual.

This was a clash filled with action and an enthralling struggle from start to finish.

The Apia supporter will certainly agree on this but

I doubt whether the St George fans will.

ST GEORGE: Gibson; Skeen, R.O'Shea, Ratcliffe, M.O'Shea; J.O'Shea, Moffitt (Koczka 63), Ricoy; Petkovski, Cotton, Beluzic (Porter 45).

APIA: Pezzano; Bozanic, Sterrey, Bertogna, Brown; Bundalo, Steven, Hristovski, Butler; Colagiuri (Miel 82), Stewart.

Referee: Graham Worne. Crowd: 2133.

BLACKTOWN WIN BUT CASEY IS NOT HAPPY

BY BARRY DAVIES

ABOUT the only thing that gave Blacktown City's coach Casey de Bruin any pleasure about their match against Wollongong City at the Gabbie Stadium, was the two League points.

Blacktown won the match 1-0 but as de Bruin stated after the match:

"I was disappointed with my team today but was happy to get the points."

It was just a long struggle and in fact Wollongong was a little unlucky being disallowed an equaliser "scored" by Wille Murray but offside in the 63rd minute.

Blacktown's flying Robbie Slater was constantly tightly marked by Wollongong defenders as the match became an overall aggressive struggle.

Blacktown's Jeff Ainsworth, Peter Denyer and Peter Willis were tyrants

in defence whilst Wollongong's South American star midfielder, Saul Rivero, although showing classy touches was blocked out in all his efforts.

Blacktown's saving goal arrived four minutes into injury time in the first half through Brett Thornthwaite.

Johnny Bradley took a corner which the Wollongong defence failed to clear as Thornthwaite raced in to smash home from just seven metres.

Wollongong's newly arrived Uruguayan Leonal Arcosa scared the living daylights out of Blacktown when he twice hit the post, once in each

session.

Arcosa's second-half miss was a 40 metre rocket that screamed in from near the touchline to crash onto Blacktown's post and bounce out.

A foul on goalkeeper David Curtis earned Wollongong's Robert Giraldi a yellow card from the referee.

Man of the match was Blacktown's stopper, Peter Denyer filling in for the injured Don McLeod.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Curtis; Willis, Ainsworth, Byrne, Bradley, Denyer, Slater, Carroll, Thornthwaite (Northam 88), Knight (Sandy 48).

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young; Green, Chilby, Vilestara, Cokely, Giraldi, Rivero (Stevanovski 48), Kotamanidis, Murray, Godzik, Arcosa.

Referee: J.Reeves. Crowd: 1342



JOHN BRADLEY

NORTHERN DIVISION

ST GEORGE 0 APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (V Colagiuri) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 2133.

MARCONI 3 (M Driene, R Brown, T Henderson) SYDNEY CITY 2 (J Kosmina, F Farina) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1915.

BLACKTOWN 1 (B Thornthwaite) WOLLONGONG 0 at Toongabbie. Crowd: 1342.

INTER MONARO 1 (D. Todd) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 5 (M Soper, V Estavillo, T Raskopoulos, S Johnston, H Williams og) at Seiffert Oval. Crowd: 1560.

CANTERBURY 1 (J Pettas) CANBERRA CITY 1 (R Jumma) at Arlington Oval. Crowd: 1235.

NEWCASTLE 0 SYDNEY CROATIA 4 (G Arnold 2, Z Odzakov, Z Jurin) at Adamstown. Crowd: 2700.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

BRISBANE CITY 2 (K Cooper, S Mengotti) ADELAIDE HELLAS 4 (G Konstandopoulos 2, A Scott, G Price) at Spencer Park. Crowd: 2761.

ADELAIDE CITY 7 (S Maxwell 3, C Viliani, J Mullen, F Costanzo, S Melia) FOOTSCRAY 1 (Z Lujic) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 2500.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 BRUNSWICK 4 (P Wade 2, A Zinni 2) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 3500.

PRESTON 0 BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 2000.

SUNSHINE 2 (N Mitten, J Markovski) GREEN GULLY 1 (P Lewis) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 2623.

HEIDELBERG 1 (M Valentine) SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 at Middle Park. Crowd: 6000.

NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Olympic	2	0	0	9	1	4
Sydney Croatia	2	0	0	6	1	4
Apia Leichhardt	2	0	0	3	0	4
Blacktown	2	0	0	2	0	4
Marconi	1	0	1	4	4	2
Wollongong	1	0	1	2	2	2
Sydney City	0	1	1	2	3	1
Canberra	0	1	1	1	2	1
Canterbury	0	1	1	1	5	1
Newcastle	0	1	1	0	4	1
St George	0	0	2	1	3	0
Monaro	0	0	2	1	7	0

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunshine	2	0	0	4	2	4
Adelaide City	1	1	0	9	3	3
H'berg	1	1	0	3	2	3
Brunswick	1	0	1	4	1	2
Adelaide Hellas	1	0	1	5	4	2
South Melbourne	1	0	1	1	1	2
Preston	0	2	0	0	0	2
Footscray	1	0	1	3	8	2
Gr Gully	0	1	1	2	3	1
Brisbane Lions	0	1	1	1	2	1
Brisbane City	0	1	1	2	4	1
Melbourne Croatia	0	1	1	1	5	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AIS	3	3			20		6
Leichhardt	2	2			11	1	4
Canberra	2	2			7	1	4
Sydney City	2	2			6	2	4
Sydney Olympic	3	2		1	9	5	4
Marconi	2	1		1	4	2	2
St George	2	1		1	2	4	2
Croatia	2	1		1	1	2	2
Blacktown	3	1		2	4	11	2
Newcastle	2			2	2	5	
Wollongong	2			2	2	7	
Inter Monaro	2			2	1	11	
C'bury-Marrickville	3			3		18	

Sat 5th April

AIS 12 CANTERBURY 0
NEWCASTLE 0 CROATIA 1

Sunday 6th April

BLACKTOWN 3 (Brennan 38, Moffitt 23, 87)
WOLLONGONG 2 (Brodnik Batten)
ST GEORGE 0 LEICHHARDT 4 (Radopoulos og 10, Koussas 47, 55, Speranza 60)
INTER MONARO 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 4 (Bennett 6, Spanoudakis 28, Meek 51, Politi 90 (pen)).
CANTERBURY 0 CANBERRA 1 Lemazina.
MARCONI 0 SYDNEY 2 (Fletcher 34, Parish 49).

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MIKE VALENTINE STUNS SOUTHS WITH A WINNER

BY JIM HARVEY

A controversial send-off highlighted the "Greek derby" at Middle Park, Melbourne, on Sunday.

After a scrappy first half in which both defences dominated, the game livened up in the 50th minute when referee Chris Bambridge sent off South's Garry McDowall for attempted retaliation. Stung to fury, South took charge for the rest of the game with only 10 men pinning Heidelberg in their own half for long periods.

But in a surprise break-away, midfielder Mike Valentine pounced on a loose ball to notch the winner for the Bergers in the 72nd minute.

The crowd, already upset by the send-off, was further incensed when Bambridge disallowed a South equaliser for offside.

After the game a visibly upset South coach John Margaritis was bitterly critical of Bambridge's refereeing, saying "we were killed."

He went on to say that if this was to be the standard of refereeing in future he would prefer to give up coaching and open a fish and chip shop!

Claud Lucchesi made a satisfactory debut for Heidelberg after his mid-week signing.

However, Steve Tasios was unable to line up for South, as Heidelberg's appeal is still to be heard and South also missed the drive of Ken Murphy.

South: Laumets, Russell Xanthopoulos, Blair, Postecoglou, Halford, Miranda, McDowall, Davidson, Brown, Egan. Heidelberg: Olver, McKie (Papas 80), Angele, Higgins, Hunter, Marley, Selemidis, Lucchesi, Valentine, Tsolakis, Deligiannis (Tzintzis 56).

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS caused the upset of the day when it

thrashed pre-season favourite Melbourne Croatia at Olympic Park.

Juventus - still without the injured Joe Sweeney - was not expected to give the classy Croatia team much trouble, but in the event it was an entirely different story.

The Juve midfield with Paul Wade playing superbly got an iron grip early on and never relaxed and in the end the 4-0 scoreline flattered Croatia.

An interested spectator incidentally, was ex-Croatia coach Terry Hennessy who has just returned from the USA.

Croatia's downfall began with a goal from Paul Wade in the 16th minute and the same player scored again in the 38th after a series of fumbles by Croatia goalkeeper Mirko Runje.

The tale of woe continued into the second half and Andrew Zinni who has only just recently settled his differences with Juventus completed the rout with two brilliant individual goals in the 72nd and 87th minutes.

Juventus coach Len McKendry's faith in Scott Patterson was fully justified in this game as Patterson had a blinder.

JUVENTUS: Banovic, E Campbell, Lewis, Wade, Cullen, Brown, Petersen, Yzendoorn, Dowle, Patterson, Zinni.

CROATIA: Runje, Deankovic, McIntosh, Curcio, Hannah, J Campbell, Blakic, Bonacic (Todoric 58), Ljubic, Markovac, Ward (Guscic 68).

PRESTON'S 0-0 result against Brisbane Lions was something of a disappointment but the good news as far as coach Bill Murray was concerned was the fact that his "walking wounded" came through the game unscathed.

Steve Smith and Sean

Lane made satisfactory returns to the team and Zoran Ilioski and Ron Campbell are rapidly regaining match fitness.

What chances there were in a very poor game fell to Preston, with Ilioski and Lane sinning in first half and Ron Campbell missing narrowly in the last minute.

PRESTON: Trainor, Roodhouse, Dobson, Opatinis, McLellan, R Campbell, Cole, Petrov, Ilioski, Smith, Lane.

BRISBANE LIONS: Evans, D Hunter, Vasquez, Jackson, Niven, R Ste-

wart, (Bell 84), J Stewart, Ogden, Anderson, McGregor, Morton, (Mulvey 80).

he was brought on as a sub against Adelaide Hellas.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS are surprise leaders of the Southern Division of the Olympic Airways National League following their good 2-1 win against Green Gully.

Once again, Sunshine's surprise packet was the 15 year-old John Markovski, who came on as a substitute and soon after scored the second goal for his die.

A week earlier, Markovski looked to have outstanding potential when

The youngster's goal on Sunday was spectacular - a drive from 20 metres which screamed into the top corner of the Gully net.

Steve McLelland handled the ball after 26 minutes giving George Cross a penalty kick which was converted by Noel Mitten.

Green Gully's only goal was also from the penalty spot. It was scored by Paul Lewis but it arrived far too late to help the team's lost cause.



Mike Valentine slips through the South Melbourne defence

MANFRED KIND TO MONARO

BY GRAHAM COOKE

"I'M GLAD we met them today when they've got so many injury problems - once they get a full side together there won't be many teams who will beat them on their own ground."

Sydney Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer, summing up his team's 5-1 demolition of Inter Monaro at Seiffert Oval, was sounding more like a man whose side had scored a lucky win.

In fact, Olympic had been in command almost from the first whistle and it was no surprise when Marshall Soper opened the scoring with a full length diving header from a Chris Kalantzis cross in the 20th minute.

Inter hit back a minute later. The hard working Angelo Ambrosino fired in a fierce drive which goalkeeper Gary Meier blocked but could not hold.

The ball fell almost at the feet of new signing Derek Todd who gratefully accepted the present.

Olympic roared into action just before half-time.

Urugayan Vince Estavillo cracked a 25 metre drive beyond the reach of goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski, and captain Peter Raskopoulos shook off the attentions of two Inter defenders to net the third.

Stuart Johnstone was on hand to take advantage of confusion in the pressured Inter defence to make it 4-1 in the 49th minute and

late in the game full-back Harry Williams, who had been given a torrid time in his attempts to tame Soper, turned a Kalantzis shot into his own net.

Inter coach Frank Maccarone said after the game that he was hopeful of a further signing during the week - and that could be the best news he could give his embattled side.



Peter Raskopoulos

INTER MONARO: Hoszowski, Walsh, Williams, Budini, Ambrosino, Wotherspoon, Carbone, Willox (D'addario 64), Winn, Todd, Decha (A Glampaolo 79).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Soper, Stevenson, Johnstone, (Stankovic 61), Kalantzis, Estavillo. Referee: Richard Lorenc.

CROATIA WERE TOO STRONG

BY NEIL JAMESON

SYDNEY CROATIA'S \$32,000 Manis Lamond saw only 45 minutes of Saturday's match against Newcastle Rosebud but it was enough for him to play a worthy role in the 4-nil romp.

Early impressions suggest Croatia have found an ideal replacement for Jim Patikas in the fleet-footed ex-Canberra winger.

Croatia led 1-nil through a 44th minute counter-attack that saw Graham Arnold's fierce drive beat Clint Gosling at the near post.

Aided by the s'erly blow, Croatia decimated Newcastle in the second half with Lamond being instrumental.

In the 60th minute he provided the foil as Zarko Odzakov played a sweet one-two to break into the box and slot home Croatia's second goal.

Two minutes later Odzakov tested Gosling from 30 metres, Zeljko Jurin collected the parry and only a goal-line clearance by Ralph Maier saved Rosebud.

Jurin however, earned his reward in the 67th minute. A stray pass was intercepted by Ante Rumora who immediately slipped the ball to Jurin who scored.

Two minutes later, Arnold's head added the finishing touch to a Jurin

cross to complete the scoreline.

Rosebud, resplendent in their new Carlton 2.1 shirts, will need a drop of something stronger to cause any real headaches this season.



Zarko Odzakov

Coach Peter Irving dearly wants to use part of Carlton's \$51,000 sponsorship to secure a target-man who can turn Rosebud's occasional chances into goals.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Garland, Bannon, Jones, Senkalski, Cavanagh, Ingham, Turnbull, Naumov, Owens.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, Jennings, Marjan Kovacic, Rozic, Clinch, Jurin, Savor, Arnold, Rumora (Licata 69), Dragacevic (Lamond 48), Odzakov.

Referee: Roger Doneau. Crowd: 2500.

MONEY TALKS FOR HELLAS

BY GREG RUSSELL

IT WAS a tale of two bank accounts when Brisbane City and Adelaide Hellas clashed at Spencer Park.

Not surprisingly, the free-spending Adelaide side ran out 4-2 winners against Brisbane City, who in recent seasons have lived on a shoestring budget while they built their magnificent stadium.

In the first half, Hellas looked like millionaires, pushing the ball around with dominance, determination and confidence. Their job was made easier by a frighteningly non-competitive City side whose passes

seemed to find the opposition with alarming frequency.

It took Neil McGachey's side just eight minutes to register its first goal - putting the shock of last weekend's opening loss behind them - and just a further 25 minutes to make it 4-0 and seal the victory.

It wasn't that City didn't have chances in that period, just that the home side squandered their's while the visitors put the ball in the back of the net at every opportunity.

George Konstandopoulos tapped in his side's first two after good work by fellow players. Alan Scott drove a fierce shot

for the third and Lou Hristodoulou hit his first in the NSL for Adelaide's fourth.

City coach Jim Hermiston reportedly berated his players at half-time for their lack of effort and to their credit, City gave a committed performance in the second half to add two goals and some respectability to the scoreline.

Irishman Keiran Cooper, his side's best, was rewarded with the Brisbane team's first goal while Frank Mengotti atoned for a poor first half when he headed in a corner for City's second.

"We killed the game

when we had the opportunities, that was the pleasing thing about the match," Adelaide Hellas coach McGachey said.

But City's Hermiston was left to lament: "We didn't have our minds on it and there was a lot to be learned out there today."

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Archer (Calrd 45), Mengotti, Perry, Bromfield, Milosevic (Hogg 45), Hamilton, Lattier, Reis, Cooper, White.

ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul, Brown, Yankos, Dunn, Mousoulis, Hristodoulou, Honeyman, McLaughlin (Hlem 82), Konstandopoulos, Price, Scott (Manou 87).

Referee: Alan Kibbler. Crowd: 2761.

STATES HAVE PLANS

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That seems an eminently sensible attitude for the States to take but there is one obvious headache.

If the make-up of the State Leagues is not decided until we know which clubs are relegated from the NSL, Victoria and NSW will not have much time to get their competitions organised for the 1987 season.

Can Soccer afford to wait that long?



THE GLOVES ARE OFF

REFEREES TO SORT OUT ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE CLUBS

MUCH has been written lately about the increased pressure that will be on each team to make the cut-off for next year's competition.

Referees have been involved in meetings with the coaches of the national league teams to discuss problems that occur in games. This is an excellent move if some concrete measures are adopted to improve the game.

Too often discussions such as these tend to end with many promises by participating parties but very few positive changes being initiated.

With referees and coaches accepting that there will be more urgency associated with collecting points I think it is important for the NSL Executive to take a stronger stand by changing the present set-up regarding discipline. Stricter control of negative behaviour on the field which may arise through frustration or as a last resort to secure the points, is essential.

One positive step would be to adopt the "Trial By Video" system which is used by the Rugby League to stamp out foul play which brings the game in to disrepute. Incidents of blatant foul play which go unpunished because the referee has not seen the offense should be dealt with using video coverage of the games.

It is unfortunate that some players, in the heat of the game, have little (if any) regard for the livelihood and playing future of their opponents.

Too often the game is robbed of excitement when a player who possesses superior skill or speed is stopped by foul means. The crowd suffers and the oppositions winning chances are effectively decreased.

An incident in a recent cup game televised by Channel 0 typifies the situation. A player was penalised for kicking an opponents ankle. After the whistle had blown the player receiving the free kick used an elbow to the face of the offender.

Who will forget the tackle on Chris Kalantzis which could have easily finished his Soccer career. On this occasion the tackle went unpunished and the injured player had to crawl to the side-line for treatment.

Both incidents were highlighted on TV and must surely be of little benefit to the public image of the game.

If the league overseers were serious about ridding the game of such foul play then actions such as those mentioned above would be severely dealt with.

Incidents behind play are also common in games against some teams and I appreciate the difficulties faced by the referees to detect these offences. It is quite often this type of incident which ultimately causes trouble in the game as players take matters in to their own hands.

Linesmen should take a more active role in this facet of the game and assist by reporting off the ball altercations so that the referee can take the appropriate action.

It is important for the game officials to create a situation on the field in which the players are confident of receiving protection while displaying the skills of the game and this will only happen if the "hatchet-men" in the game know that any breach of the rules will be severely dealt with both on and off the field. At present this is not occurring.

THE financial troubles encountered by the national team during the World Cup games last

By Terry Greedy

Australia's World Cup Goalkeeper

year certainly paled into insignificance after reading of the plight of the Womens National Soccer team.

It is hard to comprehend how in this day and age a national sporting team representing Australia would require its players to pay for the privilege of representing their country out of their own pockets.

Possessing the ability to play for your country in any code should not mean a player is financially handicapped once he or she reaches that stage of their career.

In so many areas we have women rallying to fight for equality. The women of Australian Soccer have a worthy cause. Congratulations to the NSW players for the stand they have taken. Hopefully future players will find the conditions and financial burdens will have improved because of the coverage your case has received.

ANOTHER area needing change has surfaced with the problem Michael Hocking is having getting a release from his contract to play amateur Soccer once he returns to his hometown.

Far too many situations arise over contracts where



players are being disadvantaged.

Often a player in dispute with his club has no option but to retire. At present most contracts make it possible for clubs to fine players and set transfer fees as they choose. This can price a player out of the market so that he has no option but to accept the terms offered.

The appeals committee is nothing but a "toothless tiger". This was never more evident than in the handling of Graham Jennings case early this year.

Cases such as Michael Hocking's deserve special consideration. The presence of such a fine player in the amateur ranks in the Riverina would certainly provide a lift for Soccer in that area.

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However in the final outcome this did not matter, as Italy demolished the West Germans with superb skills and goals in the second half.

Rossi opened the scoring in the 57th minute, Marco Tardelli added a second 12 minutes later

and substitute Alessandro Altobelli put Italy's victory beyond doubt with the third goal in the 81st minute.

Paul Breitner, who had scored in the 1974 final against Holland, cracked home a late consolation goal for the Germans.

As stated earlier, this gave Italy the cup and equalled Brazil's record of

three World Cup wins.

Now in Mexico, Italy and Brazil more than any other competing nations have the biggest incentive all to play for — and all-time record of four wins.

The outcome should be enthralling and one that will thrill the world at large in this the greatest football show on earth.



PAOLO ROSSI heads Italy to the lead in the 1982 World Cup Final against West Germany, a game which Italy won 3-1 to become champions for the third time. (Right) Rossi celebrates his goal. ASW's Tom Anderson believes they will be a tough nut to crack along with dual three-time winners Brazil.

Terry Greedy



CHRIS KALANTZIS, ASW's Terry Greedy remembers that horrid 'tackle' inflicted upon him last year and what irrevocable damage it could have done.

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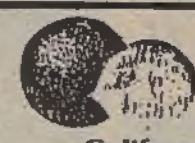
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ITALY AND BRAZIL TEMPT HISTORY

BY TOM ANDERSON

THE coming World Cup Final series in Mexico will bring two of the globe's greatest soccer nations — Italy and Brazil, bidding to become the first country to be crowned world champions four times!

And if either nation achieve this magnificent feat it will be something to behold.

Brazil's World Cup wins were in 1958, 1962 and 1970.

Italy, the present World Champion and also Cup winners in 1934 and 1938, equalled Brazil's record of three World Cup titles in the Spanish sunshine of 1982.

This of course was achieved mainly by a player who was in public disgrace until shortly before the tournament — the great Paolo Rossi.

Rossi's six goals in the second half of the expanded, 24-team finals powered Italy to victory and completed an astonishing turnaround in the fortunes of both the team and the then 25-year-old striker.

Rossi was banned from Soccer after being in-

volved in a bribery scandal in Italy in 1980.

After the ban was lifted in April 1982 he made only three league appearances for Juventus before the World Cup Finals started.

Also, Dino Zoff, at 40, became the oldest man, and the first goalkeeper since his 1934 compatriot Giampiero Combi to captain a World Cup winning team.

And, the four games Italy won in the second half of the tournament — against Argentina, Brazil, Poland and West Germany — were its only victories of 1982.

1978 champion Argentina, despite the skills of Diego Maradona, and favourite Brazil both lost to Italy in the second round and were eliminated.

The Spanish World Cup Final series — the 12th

World Cup was noteworthy for its length — 30 days.

This plus the superb matches between Italy and Brazil, and West Germany and France, and the way Italy and Rossi blossomed after an almost disastrous opening round and eventually defeated West Germany 3-1 in the final.

The first World Cup to have 24 finalists produced a record number of 52 matches and 146 goals.

Ten of those goals were scored in one match when Hungary crushed El Salvador 9-1 to set a scoring record for a game in the finals.

Probably the most controversial of the 146 goals was scored by West Germany in a scandalous first round game against neighbour Austria which ended in a contrived single-goal victory for the Germans and the elimination of Algeria, shock 2-1 winner over West Germany in their opening match.

This game resulted in FIFA, changing the rules for future World Cups, including this year's

tournament in Mexico.

Now, matches that decide qualification to a later stage will kick-off at the same time to avoid any collusion between teams.

In Spain, Italy, with two more goals from Rossi, disposed of Poland 2-0 in the semi-final in Barcelona, while in Seville West Germany and France played out the most dramatic game of the series.

As passions ran high, West German goalkeeper Toni Schumacher committed a dreadful foul on the onrushing Patrick Battiston, breaking the Frenchman's jaw, concussing him and putting him in a neck brace for six weeks.

To everyone's amazement even to this day Schumacher escaped without even a warning.

France with its glitter-

ing midfield of Michel Platini, Alain Giresse and Jean Tigana, seemed equipped to reach its first-ever World Cup Final.

This belief was strengthened after eight minutes of extra-time as France led 3-1 with goals from Platini, Marius Tre- sor and Giresse.

But West Germany, inspired by Karl-Heinz Rummenigge who came on after six minutes of the extra period, to hit back to level at 3-3 and win a dramatic penalty shootout 5-4.

There was another penalty drama in the final in Madrid.

When, midway through the first half, Antonio Cabrini missed from the spot for Italy.



(Above) KARL-HEINZ Rummenigge pictured surrounded by Italian players in the 1982 World Cup Final. It was Rummenigge that just about single-handedly drove the Germans into the Final.

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Paolo Rossi is admonished by a referee in the 1982 World Cup.

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MACQUARIE REJOINS ALL SKILL FROM ROSEBUD UNITED THESE TEAMS

BY NEIL JAMESON

THE return of John McQuarrie to the Newcastle line-up is the best news the Rosebud fans have heard in months.

McQuarrie was the club's skipper and player-of-the-year last season but failed to come to terms when training resumed in the new year.

Several Sydney clubs including St George were reported to be interested in securing the gutsy midfielder but McQuarrie had no desire to leave Newcastle.

He sat out for most of the pre-season until last week when he made up his mind to give himself another crack at the league.

Although short of match fitness, he showed in games played recently that he will soon be back to his best.

While Rosebud need every experienced player to help the cause, the irony of McQuarrie's return is that it adds to Peter Irving's surfeit of midfielders.

At last count, at least seven of what could be considered the starting line-up are out-and-out midfielders.

Meanwhile, Irving is searching desperately for the right combination to recapture the form that earned the club pre-season victories over Olympic

and Canterbury and a draw with St George.

It could all depend on Irving's chances of securing a Sydney-based State League striker spotted by Rosebud during a pre-season trial.

Irving wants height, strength and control up front to provide opportunities for the likes of Derek Todd and Sean Ingham.

According to assistant coach Warren Anderson, the inability to retain possession up front was one of the glaring faults of Rosebud's lack-lustre effort in losing 4-1 to Canberra.

"The ball got banged forward and just as quickly came back," said Anderson. "Our midfielders had sore necks from watching it go back and forth."

On the Northern first division scene all the talk is about two pre-season strikers

Mark Humphries is a teenager from Weston who has been scoring goals with tremendous regularity. Weston stalwart Alan Cooper has seen some "naturals" come out of the North in recent years and he rates Humphries the most promising of the lot.

"He's better for his age than Marshall Soper," said Cooper, recalling when the Olympic striker played for Weston.

The other goal-getter is Kevin Meacock of Austral United. Meacock played with Cardiff in the English league and also spent some time in New Zealand.

Signed by Austral coach Roy Drinkwater, Meacock has been scoring at better than a goal a game in pre-season trials and last week scored in Austral's 1-1 draw with Newcastle Rosebud.

Drinkwater is tipping Meacock to emerge as one of the real personalities of Northern Soccer.

West Wallsend's exciting young winger Wayne Webb, who was spotted by Sydney City's Eddie Thomson while playing in the recent highly-successful Australian Speedsoccer series in Newcastle, is training with City and if he passes muster could earn himself a contract with the Bondi outfit.

Webb is a very gifted footballer and last season developed in leaps and bounds under the astute coaching of Keith Harris.

SYDNEY CITY next Sunday take on Sydney Croatia at the Sydney Athletic Field in what is being billed as "The Battle of Skills."

By JOHN ECONOMOS

Eddie Thomson, City's boss, said last night:

"These teams would have to be two of the best in Australia and it will be a real battle of skill."

Sydney City could have their World Cup stopper, Steve O'Connor, in doubt for Sunday's match as he is still suffering from a groin injury.

If O'Connor misses the match, Thomson could wheel Gerardo Gomez into the central defence and bring in Ean Rodrigues to fill the right-back spot.

Meanwhile, Sydney Croatia is still feeling the affects of the loss of Jim Patikas who went overseas.

Patikas' pace proved a major weapon for Sydney Croatia and nobody misses him more than central striker, Graham Arnold.

Sydney Croatia, however, went a long way towards replacing Patikas when it signed Manis

Lamond from Canberra City.

Lamond late last week was granted permission to

train with Croatia.

Now that he signed, a battle royale could be seen between Lamond and Gomez.

An abundance of skill is to be found in the mid-field where Sydney City's Joe Watson and Sydney Croatia's Zarko Odzakovic will be the entertainers.

No fewer than five of Australia's World Cup side will be on display.

Zeljko Jurin, Croatia's mercurial match-winner, will be watched very closely by Sydney City.

Failure to do so could mean Slickers will be severely punished.



Sydney City celebrate a goal.

MARCONI READY FOR BLACKTOWN

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI will be out to crack their second consecutive win next Sunday at the Marconi Stadium when they face Casey de Bruin's visiting Blacktown City.

Marconi still elated with their win last Sunday over champions Sydney City (3-2), have some injury problems to two of their defenders.

Sweeper Robbie Wheatley and stopper Lee Sterey both suffered heavy knocks last Sunday but would be available for selection against Blacktown City.

Marconi's acrobatic goalkeeper, and Man of the Match last Sunday, Bruce James, will again be a big problem for Blacktown's marksmen.

A top duel is expected between Blacktown's flank-striker, Robbie Slater and Marconi's left-back, Joe Rizzotto

Almost outright favourites for the Olympic Airways National Soccer League title this year, Marconi seem to have everything going for them.

A solid back-four in Paul Carter, Sterey, Wheatley and Rizzotto, will see goals at a premium for Blacktown whilst Blacktown's defence will be hotly pressured by Marconi's three strikers, Mark Jankovics, Rod Brown and David Lowe.

Marconi's midfield men Ian Gray, Craig Mason and Peter Tredinnick are top operators and will make things very difficult for Blacktown on Sunday.



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SOCCER CHIEF IN HOSPITAL

FORMER Canberra City week admitted to hospi

Perkins, one of the game's most vibrant administrators, aged 51, and former ace-midfielder with the old Pan Hellenic side, was reported to be doing well over the weekend.

The "old war-horse" is believed to hold a world record.

Perkins had a kidney-transplant operation some 20 years ago and is reported to be the oldest living transplant patient in the world.

Despite all this, Perkins is still very much active in Soccer.

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THE Australian Institute of Sport is winning friends in Canberra as manager of the multi-million dollar National Sports Centre, Canberra City's home ground.

Early last season, the best electronic scoreboard on any Soccer ground in Australia was pensioned off and a new one installed for the World Cup Athletics. Problem was... Canberra City was never allowed to use it, so there was NO scoreboard at the ground last season.

When Canberra City fronted for their first home game on Easter Sunday (the ground was unavailable before then) the new scoreboard still didn't work. What is more, the dressing rooms have become gymnasiums and the players had to change at a nearby warm-up pitch.

The clincher...the clock on the new scoreboard was still showing daylight saving time!

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THERE can be pain in pleasure.

Just ask Sunshine George Cross manager Eddie Sacco who leapt for joy from his team's bench when they scored what was to be the winner against Adelaide Hellas.

He forgot the bench was enclosed by a concrete bunker and as he shot off his seat he struck his head on the roof and became a ko victim.

Sacco was rushed to hospital, but we are told all was well, and he made it back to Melbourne.



TOMMY McCULLOCH

THINGS worked out perfectly for Les Scheinflug's talent-hunting trip to South America.

The Marconi coach was there for the Easter weekend and was able to watch matches in Argentina on Good Friday and Easter Saturday, plus more games in Uruguay on the Sunday and Monday.

He ran the rule over no fewer than 25 players whose names had been given to him by his old mate Raul Blanco.

Scheinflug was particularly interested in two Uruguayans.

He is due to return to Sydney tomorrow.

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FORMER BRISBANE CITY and Queensland captain Frank Pimblett is now living in Sydney, but Pimblett has not contacted City officials and they are uncertain whether he intends to play in the south this season. A former Aston Villa player, Pimblett at his best could still be a valuable NSL squad member and would be a great catch for any NSW State League club.

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WARRINGAH FRESHWATER, usually struggling in the NSW State League, report the signing of several "name" players for the new season.

These include Jim and Alex Bottalico, Mike Berry, Steve Green, and Dominic Giannone, all formerly with National League clubs.

If all the new signings click, Warringah should enjoy a much better year.

A MEETING between referees and clubs at Brisbane's Perry Park last week should pave the way for better relations between the two this season.

The referees asked for the meeting after considerable criticism in the early weeks of the season.

But both parties aired their grievances in an open and frank meeting which produced positive results.

Team managers are now invited into the referees rooms at the conclusion of matches to learn of cards, penalty points and explanations of any decisions.

"Rather than us being aloof from the clubs and players we would like to be part of the game. If we come to each other with any problems I think things can be sorted out easier.

"There are too many reports and meetings at the moment and that just creates extra work for everyone and lets things simmer," Queensland referees Federation president Dieter Klose said.

It will be interesting to see if the new-found harmony continues.

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ASF president Sir Arthur George has been made a member of the government-controlled Australian Sports Commission.

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SYDNEY CITY star Ian Souness has found it a little difficult on his comeback trail and is struggling to get consistency back into his play.

After Ian's long lay-off Slickers coach Eddie Thomson sees this as a natural happening and is confident he will soon be back to his best.

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SOCCEROO midfielder Tommy McCulloch is going from strength to strength in Scotland with the Hibs and young Tom scored two goals in Hibs reserves 4-0 win over St Mirren last week. Hibs will make a decision on Tommy's future next week.

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INTERESTING to note that the only two players from Tasmania who are at the Australian Institute of Sport had previously played with the Juventus clubs in the State. Kurt Reynolds, who joined Jimmy Shoulder's squad midway through 1984, played with Launceston Juventus, while David Clarkson played with Juventus Pioneer in Hobart.

DAVID LOWE'S form for Marconi has bounced him into contention for Soccerroo selection.

Keith Charles, Marconi's secretary, believes Lowe is reaping the benefit of a training programme laid down by coach Les Scheinflug for the summer recess.

"Every time I rang David's home, he seemed to be out jogging," said Charles.

"He has lost weight and increased his speed and he's never played better."

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SPARE sympathy for ASW columnist Mike Johnson, who coaches Fairy Meadow in the NSW State League.

Johnson opened the team's State League premiership challenge against Sutherland Shire on Sunday minus no fewer than nine of last year's players.

"That's quite a handicap," said Mike adding, "six of my players moved to Wollongong Wolves."

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IT SEEMS to be taken for granted that the new coach of Australia's Youth team will be Marconi's Les Scheinflug.

This would mean a complete about face by the Australian Soccer Federation which had no compunction about sacking Scheinflug a couple of years ago.

As one Marconi director commented: "Maybe the ASF is anxious to make up for the mistake it made."

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AFTER being asked about his team's early form, Sydney Olympic coach Manfred Scahfer, tongue in cheek, replied: "We've scored 10 goals against none in two successive matches so I'm not complaining."

Olympic beat Apia 6-0 in the Nanda Cup and Canterbury 4-0 in the NSL.

With those results on the board, it's not surprising Olympic are already tipped for honours in 1986.

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HOBART has welcomed the introduction of SBS 0/28. The coverage of sport in general, and Soccer in particular, has provided a mouth-watering taste of what is available for the Soccer-starved public.

But what about Northern Tasmania? Surely a major regional centre like Launceston should receive SBS 0/28. The ethnic community would love to see programmes related to their homeland and culture; and many others would be interested in the varied sports programmes, especially Soccer, which are offered.

When will Launceston and Northern Tasmania get SBS?



DAVID LOWE, in great form

APIA LEICHHARDT paid only \$1,000 to sign Darren Stewart from Newcastle Rosebud and he could be the bargain buy of the season.

Stewart, only 19, was recommended to coach Rale Rasic by Apia's very good scouting network in Newcastle.

MARCONI defender Robbie Wheatley is more determined than ever to win a place in the Soccerroo squad and Robbie is now fitter than at any time in his career.

He was not a cheap buy from Blacktown but Robbie is playing well enough to suggest he will be an excellent investment for his new club.

IT DIDN'T happen in the NSL, but it did produce a few red faces in the SA State League.

A "new" coach turned up on training night to take over a squad following the resignation of the original coach after the first round of the season.

However, unknown to him, the committee men who approached him to take over, the first choice coach had been persuaded to continue in the job and also fronted for the training session.

The "new boss" gracefully withdrew.

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QUEENSLAND'S Ipswich United were far from happy with the travel arrangements for their recent postponed Nanda Cup clash with Melita Eagles. Because of the Ansett dispute, Ipswich were put on a 7am TAA flight out of Brisbane. As Ipswich is well outside of Brisbane, that meant many of the players and officials had to rise at 4am to get to the airport in time. The squad landed in Sydney shortly after eight o'clock then had to while away the time until the 3pm kick-off. It was not surprising that Melita scored after just four minutes and went on to win 3-2.

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GOOD to see the battle of the Melbourne giants on tele - Juventus v South Melbourne.

But it would also be nice if the ballboys could be attired in uniforms, and not casual shirts and jeans.

We have still a long way to go selling our game in Australia, and every little professional touch helps.

IN HIS FIRST big coaching assignment, John Fleming looks like doing very well with Wollongong Wolves.

Other coaches are impressed with Fleming's methods and predict Wollongong should have a much more successful year.

If, as reported, Arsenal's World Cup forward Tony Woodcock plays as a guest for Wollongong, the match attendance graph should also curve upwards.

SYDNEY CITY coach Eddie Thomson denies he has a bigger first team squad than the club can afford.

He also knows nothing about having to kick out some players.

"I have only 17 players in the squad and a couple of them are really fringe players who are not established yet," said Eddie.

"You must have at least 15 players, plus an extra goalkeeper in your NSL squad."

WOLLONGONG CITY'S John Fleming is a relative newcomer to the coaching business but he has impressed most of his players.

Before the opening game of the season against Marconi, his pre-match talk would have made Winston Churchill nod his head in approval.

Fleming told his players just what he wanted them to do and they went out on to Wollongong Showground and did it.

The former Wolves' midfielder and full-back is showing a very professional approach to the job and is confident he can keep the South Coast club away from the dreaded drop.

"I have been involved in the League since 1981 and it is generally a lot weaker than it was then," Fleming said.

"We don't have the big names but I feel the clubs with these big names are probably under a lot more pressure than we are."

ST GEORGE coach Frank Arok says nobody can complain about being overcharged for watching Soccer at St George Stadium.

"This year," said Arok, "we have a family plan to assist Junior players in the district. The family ticket costs \$5 and it admits two parents and three kids."

"The next time people ask why crowds at matches are down, I hope they don't blame the admission costs," said the Saints coach.

IAN BARKER, goalkeeper of Canterbury, played very well when the Berries were swamped 4-0 by high-flying Sydney Olympic.

Barker played State League for Manly last season.

Realistically assessing his team's prospects, Canterbury coach Dom Kapetanovic commented: "Barker could be a busy man this season!"

THERE WERE eight Illawarra junior products in the Wollongong City team which beat Marconi 2-1.

Warwick Young, David Green, Ray Vlietstra, Reg Chilby, Jock Morlando, Larry Gaffney, Peter Kotamandis and Robert Giraldi, all learned their Soccer on the South Coast.

Coach John Fleming said he will be interested to see if the public turn up to watch the locals this season.

"They have been criticising the club over recent years for relying on imports so they now have a side that is basically made up of local talent," Fleming said.

"Seeing these blokes playing with us on a regular basis must give kids in Illawarra the incentive to stick at the game rather than give it away when they get to around 16 and 17."

IAN HENDEY made a welcome return to Tasmania Soccer when he took the field for Olympic against his former club, Juventus. He spent a season with NSW State League club, Manly, before returning to his home town.

ALEX LAMPROPOULOS, Sydney Olympic's giant stopper, is unhappy and wants to leave his club.

With the return of English defenders, Martyn Rogers and Mike Coady, plus the fact that midfielder, Gary Phillips is now slotted into the left-back spot, there's no room for Alex in Olympic's back-four. So Alex wants out.

The strapping stopper is being sought by Apia-Leichhardt, but Alex has another admirer wishing to secure his services.

During the off-season, Lampropoulos couldn't agree to terms offered by Olympic so they placed him on a transfer of \$5,000, before eventually he signed a one-year contract.

THE FINAL of the Cascade Cup was played in Hobart over the Easter weekend.

Juventus Pioneer, with goals by Pace and Fabrizio, secured the trophy by overcoming a determined White Eagles, 2-1. Leszczynski scored Eagles lone reply from the penalty spot.

TERRY GREEDY, is going through the hassles of setting up a Soccer Clinic for kids during the May school holidays. Not easy.

But for parents wondering what value these Clinics really offer their young "Platinis," ASW can assure them that Greedy's Clinics will be sound value.

Terry, a schoolteacher himself, has another teacher on his books... among the several big name World Cup stars who will assist him.

Giant World Cup centre-back, Steve O'Connor, is excellent value when it comes to imparting knowledge to children. He does it full-time.

WATCH out for an announcement shortly from two leading Sydney clubs to the fact that they have signed top UK players to guest here during the British off season.



RAY VLIETSTRA



ALEX LAMPROPOULOS, wants to leave Olympic

NEWCASTLE'S surprise 0-0 draw with mighty Sydney City was a great tonic for the Northern NSW side but Slickers boss Eddie Thomson wasn't very happy about it.

"Good luck to Newcastle," said Eddie, "even if they did play with one player up and nine back!"

WOLLONGONG Wolves secretary John Vlietstra was asked if his club was confident about its chances in the 1986 NSL campaign.

Said Vlietstra: "With 10 teams due to be relegated, how can anyone say he's confident?"

WHILE Adelaide City got through their first round Nanda Cup match in Perth by a penalty shoot-out, it could have been sudden death but for a former SA player.

Gary Marocchi, City's former midfielder star and captain who returned to Perth when his NSL days were over, provided City coach Zoran Matic with a comprehensive run-down on the Stirling Macedonia players.

WILL the OASL take the initiative and harness the Indoor Soccer boom?

The recent tourney at Newcastle's Speedsoccer Centre gave Sydney City, Apia and Olympic players a taste of how exciting the game can be when played under the right conditions.

The beautifully-appointed Speedsoccer Centre, administered by Ken Kaiser, operates under the Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL) rules.

After repeated attempts in the US, it was shown that the MISL rules proved to be the most popular with fans and players, and the most suitable for television coverage.

Currently singing the praises of the Newcastle set-up are Eddie Thomson, Mike Hill (SBS), Manfred Schaefer and (especially) the Apia team which won the tournament.

Happiest of the lot was Alex Bundalo the Leichhardt midfielder who won a trip for two to the Gold Coast as "player of the series."

A fortnight ago in Chit-Chat there was an item about Soccer Schoolies not being too pleased after reading a media account on proposed plans for primary school sport that named about 30 sports but left out Soccer.

Well ASW is happy to announce that our prayers have been answered so to speak and the reaction from the sporting committee involved has been swift and to the point.

Soccer has been included

MARTIN DRIENE hasn't exactly had the greatest last few weeks as far as Soccer results go.

With his OASL club Marconi, 'Driene' has seen the side go down in the Ampol Cup quarter-finals, the first round of the Nanda Soccer Cup and the first round of the Olympic Airways League to Wollongong.

Just to show he is having no luck in any sort of play-off matches, his Indoor Soccer side at Merrylands recently has gone down in the semi-finals of both the competition proper and the FA Indoor Cup. To make matters worse Martin was absent from the Cup loss.

It seems, though, things have taken a better turn for the 19-year-old utility player: he cracked two goals mid-week for Marconi against the Hajduk All-Stars.

THE tour of the Hajduk Split All-Stars side involved only three games.

The first was a 2-2 draw with Granville Chile, then a 5-0 loss to Marconi and then the 0-0 result with St. George-Yugal All-Stars.

It is a great pity that they were not invited to play further matches especially against Yugoslav-origin clubs.

Also a proposed match against Fairly Meadow fell through. They didn't deserve the poor treatment they got.

They were quite willing to have a few more games but no-one seemed interested. Why?

IT'S hard to be right all the time, but some people seem to get it wrong more often than others. Take the case of the Sydney scribe who has been "baking" Craig Johnston for the midfielder's efforts to win a place in the Scottish World Cup squad.

The journo made great play about how emotional the Jocks would get if a player born abroad and who had already played for England Under 21s were picked for Scotland.

Alex Ferguson duly picked his team and Johnston wasn't in the squad. However, Ferguson did include Maurice Malpas, a South African-born defender and Andy Gorman, an English-based 'keeper who had already been picked for England Under 21s!

Johnston was considered for Scotland not on the basis of his birthplace but on his capabilities as a footballer. At one stage, Kenny Dalglish was lobbying very hard for the Liverpool player but in the end, as Johnston readily admitted, a form slump and then injury cost him whatever chance he had.

OVER the past few years the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup has become one of the most keenly contested and prestigious events on the Combined High Schools Sports Calendar.

It is the biggest competition of its type in the Southern Hemisphere and its success has been brought about by the enthusiasm and dedication of teachers, coaches and students within the schools and the generous support given to Schoolboy Soccer by the Commonwealth Bank.

This year the Commonwealth Bank have increased their sponsorship to include the girls competition which is to be known as the "Commonwealth Bank Soccer Shield".

SOME transfer news **CLAUDE LUCCHESI** previously of Preston has hit the road and signed up with Heidelberg United.

PETER RUSSEL, manager of the Olympic Airways National League, claims first round match attendances were 50 per cent up on 1986.

What's more, Russell insists the crowd figures are genuine because all are being monitored by independent observers.

ASW will wait a few more weeks before going into raptures about a huge return to the game by missing spectators.

IT'S ALWAYS good to see former players putting something back into the game, and in Adelaide, there are three doing it in style.

One is Billy Birch former Hellas player and coach who is now chairman of SA Second Division club Brighton City with his former assistant coach Tommy Preston, vice-chairman.

The pair are backed up by Dave Pillans, the former giant Hellas striker who, like Birch, originally came from England. Preston was a goalkeeper with Hearts in Scotland.

Birch also has himself registered as a player, but at 41, agrees he will play only in an emergency.



CLAUDE LUCCHESI

BRISBANE CITY and Lions might think twice about playing in the QSF's XXXX pre-season competition next year. Both clubs lost NSL players as a result of hard-fought semi-finals on the Wednesday prior to the opening round of fixtures. Lions had to go into their match against Footscray, which they lost, without Russell Stewart and Danny Wright, while City were without Garry Bromfield against Preston.



CRAIG JOHNSTON



ANNA SOARES, this week's ASW Soccer Beauty, follows Canterbury Marrickville Olympic.

And no wonder. Anna has a vested interest in Canterbury as she is engaged to their captain and sweeper, Spyros Hantzis, soon expected to "sign-on for life".

The delectable Anna, 21, is not just a beauty. She is employed as an accounts clerk with a Dutch Merchant Bank.



INSIDE WORK WILL PAY THE DIVIDENDS

THIS year's Olympic Airways National Soccer League's Northern Division championship will be decided in the dressing rooms of the title contenders just as much as it will be on the field of play.

A quick look at the records of the coaches involved will soon illustrate the influence that they will have in deciding the eventual outcome.

Eddie Thomson's five titles in six years with Sydney City is of course second to none, and he knows full well what is required for success.

Marconi's Les Scheinflug not only led his club to the championship in 1979 and the Cup a year later before taking a three year break from club football, he has also built up an outstanding coaching record with both the Socceroos and the Australian Youth team.

Scheinflug's successor with the Socceroos Frank Arok, won the last truly National League in 1983 with St George and has since taken Australia to within an inch of qualifying for Mexico.

Apia's Rale Rasic remains the only coach to get the Socceroos into the World Cup finals but ironically has never tasted the success of a National title.

In addition to these master coaches with their impressive records of success, one cannot overlook the vast international experience of Croatia's Vedran Rozic or Olympic's Manfred Schaefer, who seems to have finally brought a degree of stability to his volatile club in

addition to winning the Cup on two occasions, and Blacktown's up and coming Casey de Bruin.

With little separating most of these teams and every single competition point sure to be of paramount importance, the destiny of this year's championship could well lie in the hands of these maestros.

Quite apart from the results achieved, a most welcome development is slowly starting to evolve in Sydney Soccer.

It's not too many years ago that club coaches were only responsible for coaching, but now, the trend seems to be towards a more professional involvement, one that includes management of the club's business affairs as well as the actual coaching.

People like Arok, Thomson and Scheinflug have all got assistants of the calibre of Mick Hickman, Roberto Vieri and Frank Lang to help with the coaching side of their teams, leaving the senior coaches with more opportunity to look after the promotion, buying and selling of players and general management of their clubs.

This is very much in line with the overseas professional set ups and can only be of enormous benefit to the game.

A club that is run on sound business principles has got a far greater chance of long term success that will eventually lead to championships and titles.

One manager/coach who seems to have managed his club's affairs better than most is Les Scheinflug at Marconi. When he returned to the club at the beginning of 1984, the team had just gone through a depressing slump which saw it finish in 14th position for the 1981 season, 10th in 1982 and ninth in 1983, a far from impressive performance from one of Australia's leading clubs.

Since going back to Bossley Park however, Scheinflug has managed to lift Marconi back to its former status, not only on the field but also off it. In both 1984 and 1985, the club has finished third in the Northern Division, reached the Grand Final

last year and is one of the strong favourites for the championship this season.

Just as importantly however, he has managed to rebuild his team and dramatically improve its results without spending a small fortune. Unlike a large number of other coaches, Scheinflug bought and sold players at a handsome profit to his club.

Since 1984 he has released players for a total of \$120,000 and replaced them at a cost of just over \$100,000. This overall profit of \$20,000, while bringing players like David Lowe, Paul Carter, Ian Gray, Peter Tredinnick and Robbie Wheatley into his team, is excellent business and must rate Scheinflug as one of, if not the most valuable manager/coaches in the league.

Coaches all over the world will always finally be judged on results, but the trend nowadays seems to be heading towards a coach who can lead his team to success on the field and also manage his club's business affairs profitably.

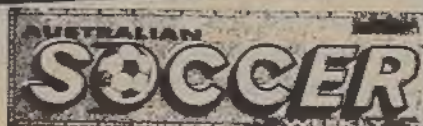
With most of our leading clubs now following this path, Australian Soccer appears to be on the way towards achieving a professional organisation similar to the more developed Soccer nations of the world.

— Frank Scicluna



LES SCHEINFLUG

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YOU HAVE TO BE GOOD TO BE A TOP COACH NOW

COACHING at a top level has progressed greatly over the last 10 years. Far from just putting the team on the park, the present day coach is really a manager who has to plan carefully and know far more about man-management than ever before.

There are several areas a top coach takes more care about these days and these include:

(A) The psychological side of players; to assess personality or motivation which in turn helps coaches have a better understanding of how players react in certain situations.

(B) The physical side of training has progressed greatly from just sending players out to lap the ground. Each aspect of physical fitness is carefully monitored on endurance, both general and local, stretch, speed and flexibility.

(C) Individual ball techniques. Although worked on from an early age, players still need to be monitored and worked at over long periods. Examples of this come to the fore on the serving of balls on free kicks. Players with this skill work hard to acquire it and then retain it.

(D) Team work obviously has to be worked on also in terms of a general pattern, the team plays and defensive organisation

as well as other areas the coach determines from assessing the capabilities of his own players and often the style of the opposition.

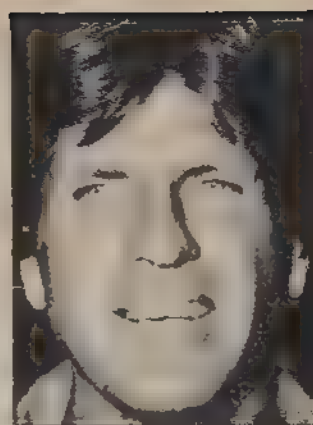
With better facilities for training, with equip-

ment such as videos and having more coaches and staff to assist and with far more knowledge at his fingertips, the present day coach should have the equipment to prepare better teams and players.

Careful planning is vital and this was evident in our last World Cup preparation where we were up against supposedly far superior opposition but in the end produced a team capable of matching them.



SYDNEY CITY, celebrate last years Northern Division victory, ASW's Alan Vest believes they are on the way to victory once more.



BY ALAN VEST

THIS IS WHERE I STICK OUT MY NECK!

LOOKING at pre-season games and clubs' team-building and preparation, this is the way I see the prospects of clubs in the Northern Division of the NASL.

Sydney City 1, Sydney Olympic 2, Marconi 3, St George 4, Sydney Croatia 5, Canberra 6, Blacktown 7, Monaro 8, Leichhardt 9, Wollongong 10, Newcastle 11, Canterbury last.

It is a vital year for all clubs. No doubt clubs who start poorly will buy new players and will sack and hire new coaches. Soccer is also an unpredictable game so it will be interesting to see how my predictions go.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 2 RESULTS

DIVISION ONE

	W/13U/14U/15U/16
Syd Olympic v B'town	1-4 1-2 3-2 3-1
C'bury v Illawarra	0-5 0-3 2-0 5-0
Marconi v Melita	2-1 4-0 1-2 2-0
St Gga. v Nepean	2-0 2-1 10-1 6-1
Apia v Gladesville	3-2 1-0 5-0 1-1

DIVISION TWO

Macthur v G'ville	0-3 0-8 3-1 3-0
N.B'stown v Avala	4-0 0-1 2-0 0-0
Manly v S'tand	0-1 3-1 1-2 2-0
S.City v Kurngal	0-2 3-1 2-2 4-1
C'tral C. v Sth Dist.	3-2 4-0 1-2 0-3

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Croatia	0-3 0-6 0-6 1-0
Yugal v C'bury	0-3 0-1 7-1 2-1
Bitown A v C'belltown	4-2 0-1 7-1 2-1
R'dale v B'stown	2-1 1-3 1-0 0-2

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Star Profile

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



SPYROS HANTZIS



SPYROS HANTZIS, Canterbury Marrickville Olympic's 22 year old captain, is one of the club's most talented and experienced players.

Normally a left-fullback, Spyros this season has been playing at sweeper.

Born on the very last day of 1963, Spyros started playing Soccer as a winger, but as he got older, coaches realising his great defensive qualities, converted him to an attacking left-fullback.

But this year, Canterbury's coach, Dom Kape-tanovic, has moved Spyros across to sweeper to put this player's experience to greater use.

"Although I don't particularly like this position, if it is for the team's benefit I'll willingly play there," he told ASW.

Spyros kicked-off his Junior playing career with Yugal for one season, before moving across to Sydney Olympic in 1980.

In 1982, the young attacking-defender, moved to Canterbury Marrickville Olympic where he made his first grade debut as a winger.

There Hantzis teamed up with Graham Arnold and Terry Patalis that year and the three of them combined to score many goals for the Berries.

Engaged in the food-catering business to earn his living, Spyros' hobbies are cricket and Rugby League.

He readily admits that his Uncle Harry was most influential in the development of his career.

"My Uncle would take me to see matches always. He also coached me, showing me how to tackle correctly and improved my positional play.

"Raul Blanco also was a great help to me," Spyros told us.

Engaged to his delicious childhood sweetheart, Anna Soares, (see page 3), Spyros is looking forward to getting married and settling down.

BORN: December 31, 1963.

BIRTHPLACE: Sydney.

OCCUPATION: Food trade.

PLAYING POSITION: Left-fullback or sweeper. WHICH CLUBS DO YOU EXPECT TO DO WELL IN THE 1986 NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE: Sydney Olympic, Marconi and Sydney Olympic.

HOW WILL YOUR CLUB GO AND WHY: "Very hard to say as this is our very first year in the NSL. But although we are a very young side, if we sign those three Yugoslav players from overseas as we expect to do so soon, things must improve for us."

WHICH PLAYERS WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN YOUR TEAM: "Marshall Soper, Tony Dakos, David Ratcliffe to act as enforcers over our young side."

WHO ARE YOUR FAVOURITE NSL PLAYERS: "Soper and Dakos. Both are cool under pressure."

WHICH OTHER TEAM WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY FOR OTHER THAN THE ONE YOU ARE WITH NOW AND WHY: "Sydney Olympic because they are a very strong side and have a large number of supporters to create an electric atmosphere."

WHAT ARE YOUR AMBITIONS FOR YOUR FUTURE OTHER THAN SOCCER: "To be successful in my business and make money to be able to be comfortable in life."

DO YOU THINK THE MONEY PLAYERS EARN IN AUSTRALIAN SOCCER IS FAIR: "Some of the money that players are paid, in relation to transfers placed on them, is nothing short of ridiculous. But related to gate-monies, it is pretty good."

OTHER GENERAL THOUGHTS ON AUSTRALIAN SOCCER: "Ground facilities for both players and spectators are deplorable really. In State League, the grounds are shocking."

WHO WILL WIN THE 1986 WORLD CUP AND WHY: "Brazil or West Germany. Brazil should be able to handle the climatic conditions much better. West Germany are a hard physical side, but play a slower style of Soccer which will help them in the hot weather."

WHAT IS SUCCESS AND FAILURE?

WITH the State and National League now under way, already commentators and spectators are predicting success or failure for the various teams.



BY MIKE JOHNSON

What is success and what is failure?

Some would define success as doing better this year than you did last year.

Some define success as "giving of your best." Failure, then, would be the opposite of these.

Success and failure at both State League and National League level this year is more specific than this.

Success is to finish above the cut off, failure is to finish below.

However, even this is not specific enough.

To finish fifth or sixth in the National League would not please Sydney City.

I imagine Eddie Thompson would be very upset about such a happening.

So, really, success and

failure is a very individual thing.

Nevertheless, man's ultimate measurement of success is to finish first.

This is the case whether it is an examination at school, a business venture, a car race or a Soccer competition.

"All the world loves a winner" . . . winning isn't everything, it is the only thing."

Certainly we all like to be associated with winners, as is easily seen in Soccer when comparing crowds of teams that are winning and those who watch a losing team.

We feel good when we are winning, or watching our team winning.

We feel bad when we lose.

There is no denying that.

So it would seem worthwhile to be a winner.

It would seem worthwhile to make the effort that it takes to become a winner.

There is a story about two frogs who decided to have a contest.

They were standing at the base of a ladder which had 10 rungs on it, each 12 inches apart.

The contest was to see who could get to the top.

So both frogs jumped off together.

One was able to jump 12 inches, the other could only jump 11 1/4 inches.

The first frog landed on the first rung and the second frog tumbled back to the ground.

The first frog then jumped 12 inches onto the second rung, while the second frog jumped his 11 1/4 inches and tumbled back to earth again.

So it continued, the first frog jumping from one rung to the other till he got to the top, while the other kept falling to the ground.

Finally, of course, the first frog stood trium-

phantly on the top rung, while the second frog lay battered, bruised and forlorn on the ground.

The difference between succeeding and failing was only a 1/4 of an inch.

It is often only as small as that.

The horse first past the post by a nose wins \$250,000 the second horse gets \$10,000.

Who was second to Sydney City in the National League last year? Who was second to City the year before that?

Which will be our successful Soccer teams this year, and which will not?

EDDIE THOMPSON



MEXICO — THE HOSTS WITH HIGH HOPES

FRANK COLETTA assesses the Mexican World Cup aspirations.



MEXICO 86

WHEN on December 15, 1985 in Mexico City the draw for the 1986 World Cup Finals was made over one billion television viewers witnessed it and a multitude of them were delirious Mexicans.

This was because the host nation had been drawn favourably in Group B against Belgium, Paraguay and Iraq.

Being host nation has its good points and bad. Yet Mexico have seemingly gone to great lengths not to be underdone.

They began their run-in to the forthcoming Cup Finals with four games prior to Christmas.

They lost only one, 1-0 to Chile. They then beat Trinidad 2-0 and caused the biggest stir when they drew 1-1 with both Uruguay and Argentina.

Mexico look to have been given a relatively easy passage to the second phase in what is the weakest group by far.

With them Belgium should qualify for the next round.

The Mexican build-up continued with a recent tournament victory involving South Korea, Algeria and Hungary. This Mexican side is possibly the best they have ever produced.

They will play their first match in the vastness of the grand Azteca Stadium, in front of no less



MEXICO TEAM v ITALY 1-1: Standing from left to right: Munoz, Espana, Larios, Boy, Cruz, Manzo - Front: Aguirre, Negrete, Chavez, Amador, Flores.

barely even known in Mexico. Some critics were even calling for the resignation of coach Bora Milutinovic.

The team was greeted at the airport by a disappointed crowd who carried such sarcastic signs as "What a good holiday" and "Welcome back, tourists."

Not surprisingly, coaches and players thought the criticism unjustified and exaggerated.

They claimed that the climate worked against them, as well as having to

draw with Italy (1-1) and beat England (1-0) and West Germany (2-0).

The most intense match of the tournament was between Italy (World Champions) and Mexico (World Cup hosts) in Mexico City in front of only 20,000 Mexicans.

It was a game that was in celebration of Italian manager Enzo Bearzot's 10-year reign with the Italian national squad. Mexico were soon under pressure from the young and enthusiastic Italians.

quick counter-attack and won a corner. With the Italian defence still not organised, Aguirre was on hand to smack the ball in from close range to give the home side the lead at half-time.

Mexico however were soon under barrage from an Italian side spurred on by their defensive lapse. They played some dynamic football which led to the equaliser in the 56th minute from Verona's Antonio Di Gennaro.

The master-move from Enzo Bearzot was to bring on Verona's Giuseppe Galderisi in place of Bruno Giordano.

Mexico had fortune on their side but still confirmed that they are a diligent side but apart from Negrete and the goalscoring Aguirre there weren't too many to stand out.

They then played three games in Los Angeles, but were unable to find the sparkle and panache they showed against the hot-shots of Europe.

They opened against Chile B, in a quadrangular tournament also involving Bulgaria and Brazil's Corinthians. The first half was not particularly happy for the Mexicans, who went into half-time one goal down to a fine shot by Jauregi.

The Mexican king-pin, Hugo Sanchez, who was on loan from his club, Real Madrid, put the scores level with a hotly disputed free-kick. This encouraged the Mexicans, and in the 66th minute Luis Flores lobbed the ball over the goalkeeper after receiving a pass from Manuel Negrete for the winner.

The games against Bulgaria and Corinthians en-

ded in 1-1 draws.

Tomas Boy equalised from the penalty spot against Bulgaria for a foul no-one seemed to have seen bar the referee.

Mexico were lucky to escape with the draw even though they hit the woodwork on several occasions.

Perhaps the most alarming feature of the game for them was that Bulgaria had only three attacks worthy of mention and on each occasion the Mexican defence gave them a free shot.

These sort of lapses were commonplace until recently in the Mexican line-up.

In fact in the 1978 World Cup Finals they were so bad in defence that they were defeated 3-1 by both Tunisia (of all teams!) and Poland, and they were also walloped 6-0 by an ordinary West Germany.

They also struggled in the tournament match against Corinthians and



only a late goal by Flores let them off with a 1-1 draw.

Flores' ability to find the back of the net consistently is encouraging, even though he, as well as the key players like Negrete and Sanchez, sometimes are found wanting and sadly out of touch.

What is the biggest mystery of the Mexican campaign? It is the fact that the Mexican powers-that-be insisted on taking their squad all over the place for match practice which in a sense may seem fair enough but when analysed is utterly ridiculous.

The fact that Mexico are given any chance of making a run for the Cup in June is due to their being on home territory. If it was anywhere else they would have no chance of winning or for that matter causing any great interest.

Harsh as it may sound these are the facts. Now why did Mexico travel all over the world when any number of nations would have been yearning for the opportunity to travel to Mexico in preparation for the World Cup.

The teams would have been lining up to play in Mexico, so much so that Bulgaria arranged a match in Guadalajara against a lowly club side, such was their desperation to have a 'hit out' there.

In their clash with the USSR in Mexico City the home side won 1-0, but were much the better team.

Even without Hugo Sanchez, the Mexicans were very impressive winning through a 38th minute goal by Aguirre.

But with Hugo Sanchez in the Mexican line-up the football of the side is much more appealing and attractive to watch.

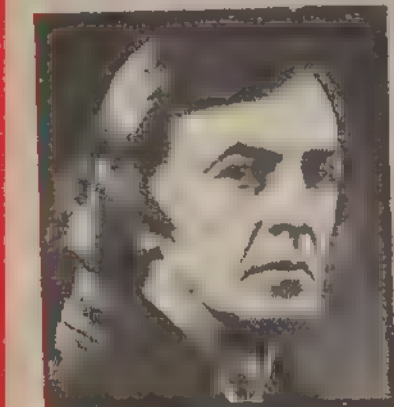
With 41-year-old Bora

MENOTTI AND MEXICO

CESAR LUIS MENOTTI, the brilliant coach who took Argentina to World Cup success in 1978, might have been coaching Mexico this year.

Rafael Del Castillo, president of the Mexican F.A., approached Menotti in Spain while the Argentinian was coaching Barcelona.

Menotti was tied to the Spanish club by contract, though,



than 110,000 firm partisans always likely to sway the referee, moreover intimidate not only the ref but the opponents also.

It must be stated though that before their impressive results there were some real shockers. Take for instance the disastrous Middle Eastern tour in November of last year.

The national team returned from the tour raising very serious doubts about their ability.

Mexico played six games in three weeks, losing to Libya and Egypt, drawing with Jordan the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait and winning only against North Yemen!

Domestic criticism was harsh for the team's performance against countries whose names were

play on synthetic turf.

Rafael Del Castillo, president of the Mexican Federation, said: "We did not come here to be on trial, nor do we accept that the tour should be considered a failure."

The mind boggles as to what it should be called then.

He said the team travelled on 14 flights to six countries in three weeks, covering many thousands of miles, playing some games without proper footwear and in immense heat.

Milutinovic, the team's Yugoslav boss who had been praised prior to the trip, said the tour was "satisfactory" because "we did not go to win, but to gather information."

In the Egyptian encoun-

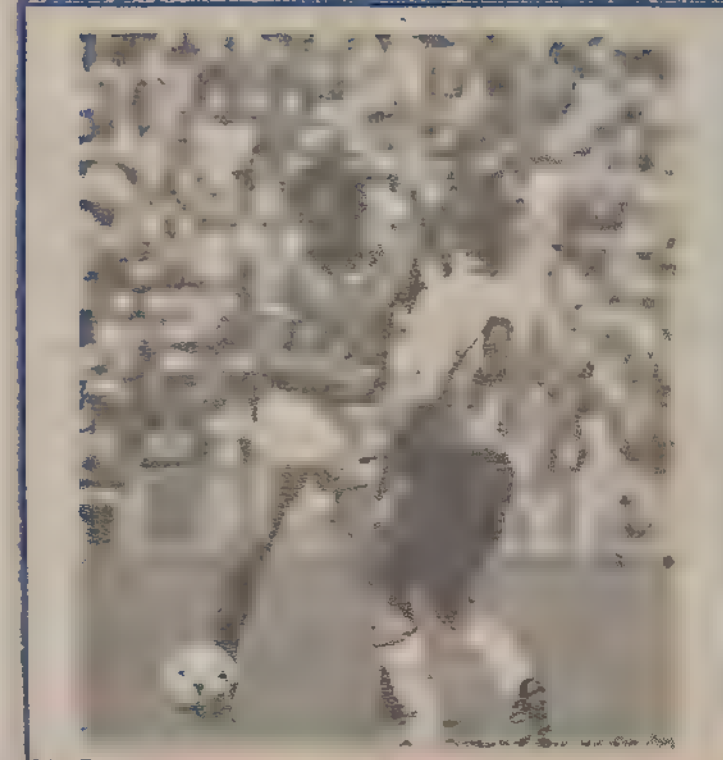
goal to win the match came out of nothing, when Ibrahim Yousif played a ball deep into the Mexican half and Ali ran onto it to shoot home.

One wonders what logic there was behind such a tour — in short it proved to be a farce and only a morale damper for the team.

The recovery then of the side to come back after such a disaster in Mexico was astounding.

The fact remains that like most nations, Mexico are a great force on their home territory. This was indelibly borne out when they played Italy, England and West Germany last June in Mexico.

These matches were played prior to the devastating earthquakes in Mexico and the home side

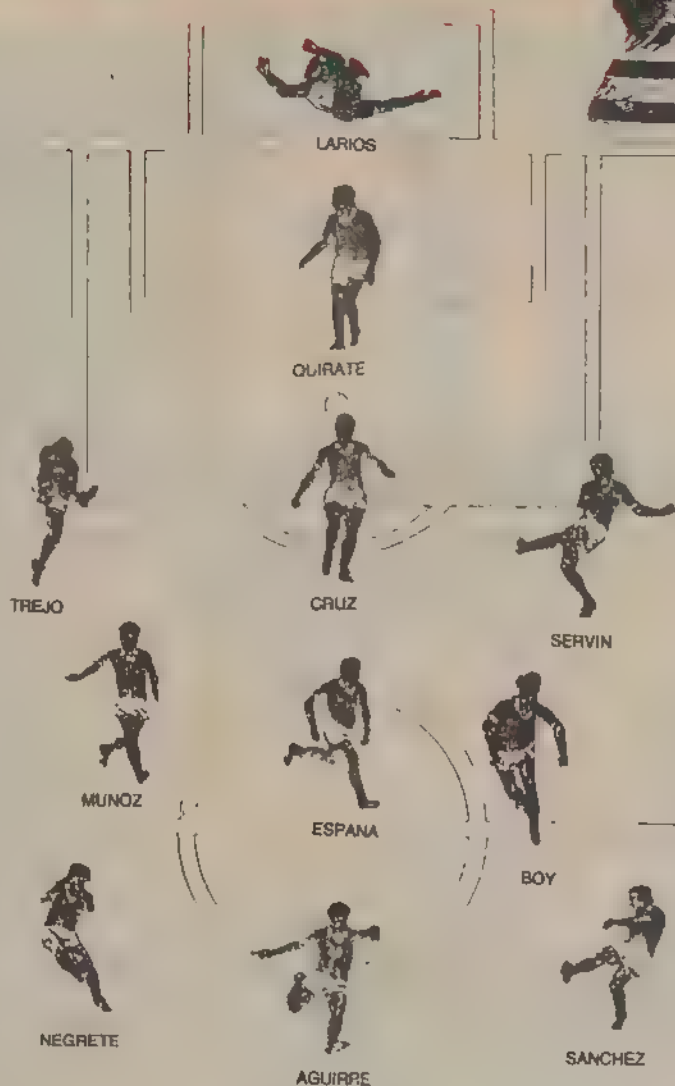


QUIRARTO In action as Mexico beat Poland 5-0

WORLD CUP SPECIAL



MEXICO v ENGLAND 1-0: Standing from left: Munoz, Aguirre, Larios, Boy, Barbosa, Trejo - Kneeling: Espana, Amador, Flores, Quirarte, Negrete. ... (BELOW right) Mexican superstar, Hugo Sanchez in action for Real Madrid. (Above) The FIFA and Mexican flags fly high during the Mexico-Poland clash.



able to go through their World Cup preparation as carefree as possible.

Milutinovic feels that now the team is ready for the World Cup and also is in a position to welcome the guests from all parts of the world, not only with the proverbial Mexican hospitality, but also with the self-confidence of the mighty!

Milutinovic in charge the Mexican football overall has become involved in more attack through a finely charged midfield. The defence complements the offence with stringent marking principles.

If nothing else, the Yugoslav technician has brought to the team the brilliance of Hugo Sanchez and 19-year-old Manuel Negrete.

Whilst the world-wide interest was focused on the teams of every continent battling for a spot in the World Cup Finals, the 'Seleccion' of the hosts is preparing itself in its own way for the football festi-

val in its home country.

A unique preparatory programme has in a way helped break through the mediocrity (23rd position of 52 in the "eternal" table of the World Cup). For clubs which had to make their best players available, no sacrifice was big enough. After the championship last May, all World Cup candidates remained at the disposal of coach Milutinovic until the beginning of the Final competition.

The Federation agreed that the 1985-86 championship will still have a winner but teams will not be relegated so that the players will be

My View

Like Argentina, Mexico may well fall down because of their relying on one player, namely Hugo Sanchez. Belying that though they should easily qualify for the second phase where they might well cause an upset or two. The host nation, no matter how good or bad, usually manages to get some good results. Although for mine if the refs aren't intimidated to a ridiculous extent, Mexico will not have any hope of winning the Cup.



HUGO SANCHEZ



SYDNEY CITY vs SYDNEY CROATIA



Sydney Athletic Field
Anzac Parade, Kensington



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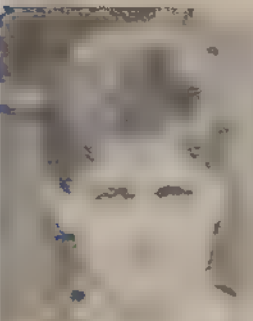
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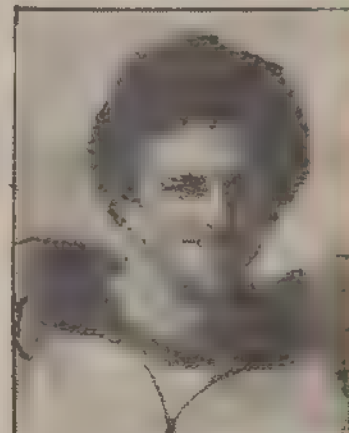
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TREVOR FRANCIS is challenged by Mexican striker Aguirre.

POSSIBLE SQUAD:

Larios, Heredia, Trejo, Quirarte, Barbosa, Manzo, Cruz, Amador, Servin, Chavez, Munoz, Espana, Boy, Negrete, Ortega, Hermosillo, Aguirre, Flores, Sanchez, Hernandez.

DOCHERTY DOESN'T CHANGE: HE STILL

TOMMY DOCHERTY, that well known man of many (17) clubs, may be out of football but he continues to jump feet first into controversy. ASW reprints the following interview which was first published in the London SUNDAY MIRROR recently. . . .

GETS STUCK IN!

Doc blasts

THE waiter was Portuguese, the menu international and the question as basic as fish and chips.

"Why can't Ron Atkinson win the First Division Championship with Manchester United after spending more than £7 million?"

At the table was the outrageous but irrepressible Tommy Docherty, late of Old Trafford and fifteen other clubs.

He responded: "Ron should have driven his company Merc along the M61, knocked on Gra-

By **VINCE WILSON**

"When you leave Old Trafford for another club, it's like exchanging the London Palladium for the Theatre Royal in Bury."



United

£7 million misfits

ham Kelly's door at Lytham HQ and bought the Football League lock, stock and barrel.

"It would have cost him less than he has spent already on not winning the title."

Fired

The waiter found the good grace to smile as Docherty requested red wine—"always red"—on the table.

He had been fired after five years in high office but insisted that his passion for United has long since overtaken the hurt he felt.

But he insists: "The manager who spends £7 million and recoups only £3 million should be handing over the League trophy to his chairman and the fans."

"He hasn't. If he doesn't win the Championship this season or next, or a cup, he will become Ron Walker... he'll be on his way. Any manager of Manchester United must accept that."

The explosive Docherty reflected for a moment on his own sudden departure after the break-up of his marriage.

Docherty, though, was never one for brooding and the procession of well-wishers to the table soon had him bubbling.

"Listen to them," he beckoned. "They're telling me that Ron signed great players in Bryan Robson and Gordon Strachan."

"But he had the big money to spend where other managers didn't. That's the power of Manchester United, a piece of cake if you look at it properly."

"The manager can offer the best wages to players, the best support when they turn out at three o'clock, the best bonuses,

the best perks and the best ground."

The Doc talked forcibly about Mark Hughes and his £2million impending transfer to Barcelona.

"If I had been Ron Atkinson, I would have said 'No' to their manager Terry Venables then asked if I could buy his West German midfielder star Bernd Schuster for £2million."

"United, in my eyes, are a bigger club than Barcelona. They should be buyers of great

players, not sellers. Haven't they enough headaches with Liverpool and Everton without wanting to sell Hughes?"

"When Juventus asked for Bryan Robson, I would have said 'No' but can I buy Michel Platini from you?"

"Mark is already with the best and he can't get better than the best. I'm sure I could and would have kept him."

"Why should he want to swap clubs, lose contact with his mates, learn to speak a foreign language and not get home at weekends to see his Mum?"

"I can't see where he will be a ton better off financially, either, when he pays his taxes."

He questioned Atkinson's wisdom again by the proposed sale of Hughes for £2million and the buying of stinkers Terry Gibson and Peter Davenport for about half that sum.

"In my opinion, he still hasn't replaced Hughes and now he has £1million left. Can he buy some-

body as good as Hughes for that?"

"I look at the team and feel that the home-grown lads, some bought for coppers, are better than some of the big buys. There's Paul McGrath, the best of his kind I've seen since the days of Neil Franklin. That is saying something, he is the best defender in Europe."

"There's Hughes, Norman Whiteside, Arthur Albiston, Graeme Hogg, Kevin Moran and Mike Duxbury. I don't think that keeper Gary Bailey is international class but he is good."

"Full marks for Strachan, I would have liked to manage him."

"Now, I believe there's panic setting in because the Championship hasn't been won since 1967."

"I haven't totally given up hope for them this season. I don't like Ron Atkinson but I don't wish him any harm."

"I would love him to win the title for United this year and for the next ten years."



TOMMY DOCHERTY ALWAYS OUTSPOKEN

DALGLEISH HAS HIGH HOPES FOR PENRITH

COACH Vic Dalglish is expecting a good year from Penrith City. Although players of the calibre of Mike Gibson, Jeff Ainsworth, Ian Wotherspoon and Bobbie Hebb have signed for other clubs, he has at least eight with NSL experience still with the club.

These include Mickey Cross, Peter Brogan, Don Campbell, Ian Hunter, Randall Easthorpe, David Carboni, Michael Toohey and David Shute.

There is however, doubt as to whether Toohey will play as he is finding studying taking a lot of his time, and David Shute (currently in the last 20 in the NSW Under 19 squad) is finding weekend work a bar to his playing.

Dalglish expects to

have these problems sorted out within the next week.

New signings include Ian Shaw, Scott Thompson, John Carnivale, Greg Hatton, with Darrel Plumb ex Blacktown City expected to sign.

Ron Gisbourne will be assisting the club with the goalkeeper coaching.

Two other players, both with NSL club experience are negotiating with Penrith City, but it appears

the size of the transfer fees will see curtailment of negotiations.

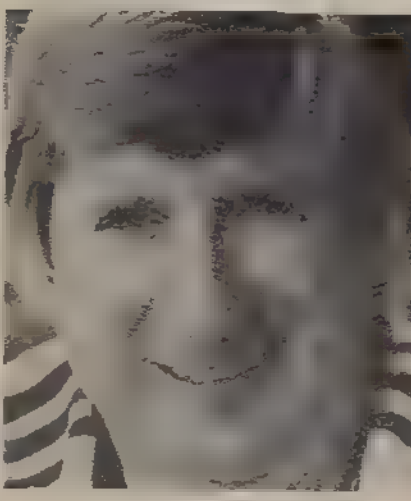
Peter Brogan has been trialing with Apia Leichhardt, but has decided to stay with City.

At present there is a shortage of goalkeepers, with David Hayes, Under 19 'keeper in 1984/85, and 17 year old Andrew Blow, Nepean Youth League goalkeeper in 1985, holding the fort.

Dalglish forecasts a big future for young Blow, but still hopes to sign another goalkeeper.

Although pre-season results have not been as good as Dalglish would have liked, he has been blending some of the younger members of City with the more experienced players and utilising players in positions he thinks best suit them.

By coincidence, Avala, the team Dalglish coached in 1985, were first up at Cook Park, on Sunday.



□ **VIC DALGLEISH**

BRAZIL WINS 4-0 BUT FANS UNHAPPY

IN their latest World Cup warm-up outing, Brazil had a solid 4-0 win over Peru in Sao Luis, Brazil, but it was not a performance to please their fans.

Although the result was a big improvement on two ominous defeats at the hands of West Germany and Hungary, some critics claimed the Brazilian players made too many errors for comfort.

Winger Eder, the brilliant free-kick specialist, was sent off the field for allegedly hitting Peru defender Castro after half an hour.

This brought a storm of abuse on Eder from spectators while some media men suggested coach Tele Santana ought to sack

Eder from the Brazilian squad.

Socrates did the build-up for Brazil's first goal, scored by Casagrande after 12 minutes.

There were no more first half goals but Casagrande headed in the second in the 53rd minute.

Ten minutes from full-time, the score was 3-0 when substitute Alemao converted a penalty kick after Muller had been brought down and in the last minute, another substitute, Careca, topped off Brazil's 4-0 victory.

While there was considerable doubt about the merit of the win - it seems Peru fielded a young, experimental side - coach Santana was obviously pleased to see his side bounce back with goals after its depressing excursion to Europe.

Brazil: Paulo Victor,



EDER

Edson, Oscar, Mauro Galvao, Branco (Dida); Elzo, Falcao, Socrates (Alemao); Renato Gaucho (Muller), Casagrande (Careca) and Eder.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE SHOWS US HOW

THERE are few better run spectator sports than the National Basketball League.

Virtually non-existent half a dozen years ago, the NBL is making enormous inroads into the highly competitive market for the sporting fans dollar.

Leading the way for basketball is the slick Canberra Mazda Cannons, national champions in 1983 and 1984.

The relation of all this to soccer is that basketball, in Canberra at least, took over where soccer left off.

In the early years of the NSL, the late seventies, basketball was played in a tin shed in the national capital whilst Canberra City averaged close to 7000 paying spectators to its home matches at the Bruce Stadium.

Today, unfortunately all that has changed dramatically.

The Cannons play to "sold out" home audiences of 6,000 fans at "the Palace", the super indoor stadium at the Australian Institute of Sport whilst next door at the outdoor complex Canberra City Olympians and Inter Monaro struggle to get 2,000 fans unless a Croatian or Greek club is among the visiting teams.

Where soccer went wrong and basketball right is not the purpose of this article.

Rather to outline the Cannons splendid promotion/sponsorship arrangements which is presented to prospective backers in a superbly produced booklet.

Apart from the Cannons major backer, Mazda, the national capital's basketball team raises \$296,000 from its "minor" sponsors.

And again differently to soccer, much of those funds are spent on promotion.

In fact the Cannons spend more on promotion, publicity and advertising than the ENTIRE National Soccer League.

There must be a message there somewhere...

Ironically the Cannons



Bruce Stadium in the good old days when big crowds attended Soccer there.

sponsorship and promotional packages were put together, in their early days, with considerable input from the Canberra City Soccer Club!

Involvement with the Cannons ranges from a Platinum sponsor to a game night sponsor and for those doubting basketball's ability to attract corporate dollars, THINK AGAIN:

The Cannons sold at their sponsorship deals six weeks before their season kicked off.

Six platinum sponsors at \$12,500 each

Eight Gold sponsors at \$8,250 each

Twenty Silver sponsors at \$5,850 each

Eight bronze sponsors at \$3,600 each

Ten company sponsors at \$1,750 each

Various games night sponsors at \$1000 each

Over \$300,000 from "minor" sponsors plus their major sponsor quite frankly leaves soccer for dead and indicates how far basketball has come in such a short time and really how little soccer has done in such a long time

LEAGUE BASKETBALL IS IN

Dear Sir,

I write in respect of the further changes to the format of the National League.

Since the inception of the National League, the Administrators at all levels of Soccer have done irreparable damage to the standing of the code.

The constant "tinkering" of the National League and the apparent lackadaisical and ill conceived ideas, including the ridiculous two-zonal system have led, I believe the supporters of the game to stay away in droves.

All we seem to hear about is rivalry between the different State Federations, the Australian Soccer Federation and the National League clubs, rather than a combined effort in a structured manner whereby the outstanding achievements of our National sides at Senior, Youth and Under 16 levels, can be translated into posi-

tive terms into our club structure.

One only has to look at the rapid rise in popularity of the National Basketball League to see how differently the two sports have tackled the question of organisation of their games.

Here in Brisbane we have only ONE National Basketball League Team which in 1985 won the title and the preceding year was the losing grand finalist.

This year the Brisbane side is looking to use the brand new Entertainment Centre built at Boondall for all its home games. It is obvious the Basketball people have sat down and plotted out a plan over the last five to six years and this plan has seen Brisbane attendances rise from under 400 people per match to over 4,000 people per match.

This is a remarkable rise and speaks volumes for the organisational

and promotional ability of the Basketball people. As far as I can see, the level of promotions that

come out of the clubs, the State Federations, the Australian Soccer Federation and the

National League is virtually nil.

T.P. Drakopoulos
Sunnybank Hills, QLD



There is always plenty of action in National League basketball.

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TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Melita Eagles v Uruguayan Auburn	7-0	4-0	
Wollongong Mac v Manly Warringah	0-2	1-2	0-0
Fairy Meadow v Sutherland Shire	0-2	0-3	forfeit
Warringah F'water v Rockdale Ilinden	5-3	2-4	1-4
Ku-ring-gai v Polonia	1-1	4-1	2-0
Penrith City v Avala	1-3	1-3	2-2

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Gladesville Hornsby v Bathurst 75	3-0	5-1	5-1
Campbelltown City v Bankstown Nat	1-1	3-1	10-0
North Bankstown v Dee Why	4-0	1-0	1-0
Queens Park E/S v Blacktown United	0-0	3-3	2-2
Artarmon v SSC Yugal	2-1	3-1	forfeit

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

Port Hacking v Bondi Marine	2-2	0-4	2-4
Baulkham Hills v Moorebank	0-1	1-3	3-0
Campbelltown Gunners v Mt Druitt Town	2-0	2-0	0-0
King Tomislav v North Ryde RSL	0-2	3-1	3-0
Rooty Hill v Granville Chile	0-0	3-0	1-1
Uni of NSW v West United	1-1	2-1	1-5

INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Fairfield Kiev v Chelsea	3-3	0-3
Padstow Park v Eastwood S/A	0-6	1-1
Sydney University v Spanish Club	1-1	0-1
West St George v Concordia	0-1	6-0

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

Chile Sports v Maroubra United	1-4	0-5
Liverpool City v Macquarie Uni	2-0	5-0
Hawkesbury Dist v Trasandinos Sports	6-1	2-1
Wentworth Waratahs v Green Valley Utd	1-2	4-1
Rosebery v Pagewood	2-2	1-3
Dulwich Hill v Hurstville-Zagreb	3-1	3-1

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

Sydney Maccabi v Concord Juniors	0-2	3-3
Petersham Lusitanos v Haberfield B/D's	2-3	1-0
Colo Colo v Chullora	9-0	11-1
Lansvale United v Greenisland	1-2	2-3
Robins v Rangers Hajduk	0-3	3-4
Blacktown Wands v Welcome Sports	1-3	1-3

INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

Argentinian Lid/Utd v Columbian	1-0	1-0
Abruzzi v Crescent Star	3-2	1-0
Lithgow W/M v Murray Farm	0-1	0-0
Jedinstvo Utd v Macedonia Yagouna	0-3	0-3
Cyprus United v Luddenham Croatia	4-0	forfeit

INTER URBAN FIFTH DIVISION

North Rocks v Cobreloa	0-0	3-2
Hellas P v Orange With	2-3	1-1
Macedonia E v Calabria	0-1	0-5
Santiago W v Arncliffe	1-4	1-11



BARRY WALKER

MELITA EAGLES began the NSW 1986 TNT SKYPAK State League in magnificent style with a 7-0 blitzing of a battered Uruguay Auburn at the impressive Melita Stadium.

KU-RING-GAI 1 POLONIA 1

AFTER a slow start conceding an early goal from a free-kick by Peter Tkachuk which nearly broke the roof of the net, Polonia recovered and made a much better impression in the second half.

They drew level in the 48th minute when Andrej Pop nodded on a Tomek Diuc cross from the left for Dennis Collusso to tap in at close range.

Polonia kept the attack going at Kur-ing-gai during the second half but were denied by a number of fine saves by Andrew Lacey and some fine defending in the backline.

Ku-ring-gai could have scored a second goal in the 71st minute when a powerful shot by Chris Quigley hit the crossbar.

Andrej Pop was in the thick of things in the first half but time and again was foiled by Andrew Lacey who gathered the ball from his feet.

Ku-ring-gai could have wrapped the game up in the last four minutes when a well directed header by big Leigh Watson was tipped over the bar by Steve Anderson brilliantly in the Polonia goal.

Tat denied Polonia a point when they really deserved two for their skill and prowess in the game.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kevan, Goldworthy, Watson, Bertram, Williamson, Sutherland, Tkachuk, Gulley, Beas, Nile.

POLONIA: Andersen, Mahamah, Chau, Lasek, Robertson, Collusso, Drys, Geekle, Janic, Pop, Druc (Parker 88).



ZORAN BLAZIC, newly acquired by Avala who played a fine game in his Australian debut against Penrith City

PENRITH CITY's return to the State League was not an auspicious occasion as they went down to the Avala side 3-1 at Cook Park.

Avala's newest signing Pjer Marjanovic played an impressive role scoring a goal and having a hand in the others.

On Penrith's part, Peter Nix grabbed their solitary goal from the penalty spot.

This match also marked the debut in the State League of Penrith's 16-year-old goalkeeper, Andrew Blow, along with two other new faces in the Avala side.

MEANWHILE Warringah Freshwater caused a real upset by coming back from being 2-0 down to beat Attli Abonyi's Rockdale Ilinden 5-3 at the Narrabeen Fitness Camp.

The first goal came in the 20th minute, when a shot from Darlington smashed into the roof of the net.

Rockdale went two ahead six minutes later, Torteviski being the scorer. Warringah pulled one back immediately when Barry Walker grabbed a goal from a brilliant cross by Dennis Corrigan.

In the 32nd minute Walker volleyed a shot that the goalie could only parry and John Preston from New Zealand rammed home to level the scores.

Right on the stroke of half-time from 25 metres Preston let loose with an unstoppable drive that made it 3-2.

Then from the kick-off, Rockdale were awarded what seemed a dubious penalty that Billy Pilovski converted.

Warringah from then on were unstoppable. Dominic Giannone smashed in a low hard cross from the left that hit one of the Rockdale defenders and went in.

Walker who was absolutely brilliant on the day smashed another volley from 25 metres that the goalkeeper was unable to hold to make it 5-3.

Best players for Warringah were without doubt Walker, David Watt and Steve Green. Rockdale's new Yugoslavian import Torteviski was in brilliant form along with Darren Wilson.

WARRINGAH: Musumeci, Green, Battalio, Watt, O'Rourke, Duckling, Berry (Hassim), Davies, Corrigan (Giannone), Walker, Preston
ROCKDALE: Dart, Wilson, Degney, Pilovski, McDonald, D. Wilson (Brown), Grooms, Darlington, Dachs, Torteviski, Jones.

SUTHERLAND ended Fairy Meadow's infallibility at the Corral Memorial Park by winning 2-0 in grand style while also on the coast, Manly Warringah showed all the class they have promised for so long by downing Wollongong Macedonia 2-0.

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION

SATURDAY 12th APRIL

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Dee Why Swans	vs Gladesville Hby	Dee Why Oval
Blacktown United	vs North Bankstown	Francis Park
Kingsford	vs Artarmon	Artarmon Res.

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

North Ryde RSL	vs Camp'town Gunners	Magdala Park
Bondi Marine	vs King Tomislav	Waverley Oval
Moorebank L'pool	vs Port Hacking	Ham'ville Park

SUNDAY 13th APRIL

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION

Manly Warringah	vs Melita Eagles	Cromer Park
Uruguay Auburn	vs Penrith City	Mona Park
Sutherland Shire	vs Wollongong Mac.	Seymour Shaw Park
Rockdale Ilinden	vs Fairy Meadow	Hurstville Oval
Polonia	vs Warringah F'water	Chopin Park
Avala	vs Ku-ring-gai	Knight Park

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Bankstown Nat.	vs Cant. & Dist	Jensen Oval
Bathurst '75	vs Camp'town City	Proctor Park
SSC Yugal	vs Queens Park E/S	Blick Oval

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

Mt Druitt Town	vs Uni of NSW	Popondetta Park
Granville Chile	vs Baulkham Hills	Garside Park
West United	vs Rooty Hill	Harold Read Res

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THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

OLYMPIC GO SHOPPING

IN an all-out spending spree, reminiscent of that which gave the club a grand final winning team in 1983, Olympic United have stormed into the transfer market in preparation for the opening Queensland XXXX League fixtures this weekend.

The club, which finished only a point away from relegation from the State's top competition last year, have been negotiating over the past three weeks with no less than eight players.

The club already has secured the services of former Brisbane City NSL striker Stephen Glockner and Grange Thistle's keeper Gordon Otto and defender Paul Barry.

Others in the club's eyes are City defender Mike Milovanovic, former City and Lions striker-midfielder Mick Gerritsen, Coalstars Peter Tyson and Lions pair Phil Redmond and Jim McDonagh.

It is unlikely the club will sign all eight, despite promises from leading officials that the club was prepared to spend to strengthen the side, but even with those already secured plus one or two of the others, Olympic loom as a real contender for honors this season.

Under the astute guidance of Juan Cutillas, the Spanish FA triamed former Philippines national coach, Olympic were among the form sides of the pre-season, reaching the final of Lions' Silver Boot Competition.

Olympic play North Star in their opening round match in what could be a real footballing spectacular, North Star, who lost several youngsters to Lions this season, have strengthened their ranks with Thistle players including Gordon Buchanan and Dave Gallagher.

North Star played some fine football in the XXXX pre-season competition, although finished without a win.

If any club will rival Olympic for honors this year it certainly will be mount Gravatt, the Hawks reached the semi-finals of the XXXX pre-season tournament and looked every bit championship material.



MIKE MILOVANOVIC

Midfielder Martin Kirsoff, after a rigorous off-season training program, is in devastating form and should go close to winning the Rothman Medal this season after narrowly failing over the past two years.

His midfield teammates Ken Swan, signed from Grange and Harry Stewart, give Mount Gravatt an enviable engine room.

The Hawks open their campaign against Taringa, who again under Iain Kesson, are aiming for no less than a semi-final berth, the "amateurs" have made no big off-season signings but have a side more than ever willing to give commitment and determination.

Reigning champions and grand final winners Ipswich United begin their defence with a home match against Easts.

United have lost two of its most experienced players in Ron Millman and Ian Lawrie and could find the going tougher this year. Coach Matt Carson has called on Bevan Bohan, formerly with Brisbane City and Club Stalwart Jeff Dann to help plug the gaps.

But the players to watch in the Ipswich line-up this year could be youngsters Richie Barnard, the two scoring in the Nanda Cup clash with Melita Eagles and Australian Under 16 representative Damien Butler.

East coach John Sime has been attempting to strengthen his side which had an average season last year, but has been restricted by a lack of funds, one of his bargain signings has been former Acacia Ridge and Olympic player Brad Ryan, who undoubtedly will be an asset in midfield.

Newly-promoted Wynnum host Coalstars in their first match, with both teams rebuilding, the Wolves players to watch are Geoff Maliby and Billy McDermott while Coalstars I likely to be best served this year by Dave Wheeler, Mark Brusasco and Mark McNaughton.

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WHERE IS FRANK?

WILL former Queensland and Brisbane City defender Frank Liddell make a return to Australian Soccer or not?

That's the question which everyone have been putting to Lions in recent weeks as speculation continues over Liddell's possible return from Scotland.

But it seems that the whole matter hinges on a move away from Lions by Jim McDonagh — and McDonagh and those clubs interested in him know it.

Lions presently have three visa players on their books, all scotsmen, Joe Cairney, a free transfer buy from Brisbane City, new signing Jim Morton from St Johnstone and McDonagh.

McDonagh has been trialling with XXXX League club Easts and also has been singled out by Olympic United. Lions are

prepared to let him transfer for a "recover of expenses" of around \$3000.

Although Roddy Vasquez is doing the job, the club's NSL squad is bare of central defenders and Liddell is seen as a short-term solution, he is presently playing at St Johnstone and Morton, who arrived only three weeks ago, has reported the former Brisbane City player is keen to return.

Easts, whose coach John Sime helped Lions sign Morton, is well aware Lions need the visa vacancy to sign Liddell and is hoping to do the best deal possible to get McDonagh, whose skills have been recognised with Brisbane selection.

But Lions are very reluctant to do any special deal with the XXXX League club as bad blood has flowed in recent weeks between Easts and Lions.

The clubs came to loggerheads when Lions signed Rockhampton striker Brett Drury after he had trialled pre-season at Easts then the matter flared when the tigers complained they could not obtain XXXX beer, the sponsor of Queensland Soccer, at Richlands, where Lions sell only Fosters in accordance with their sponsorship.

McDonagh is claiming he has become the meat in the sandwich in the whole argument and believes that in holding out, Lions are keeping him out of the game.

Meanwhile, both clubs seem to be losing out.

MENGOTTI ONLY NEW FACE?

BRISBANE CITY defender Frank Mengotti is expected to be one of only a few new faces in the Queensland squad to be named this week to begin preparations for the interstate clash with New South Wales at Perry Park on May 11.

The 23-year-old has been in fine form so far this season and has been widely tipped as the "surprise selection" about which Queensland coach Bruce Stowell has hinted over the past fortnight.

Mengotti was among City's best in their opening NSL fixture against Preston and when questioned as to whether Mengotti was the player Stowell had in mind, the Queensland coach cryptically agreed.

"The player we are talking about is one who has gone from being a very ordinary player to one who I believe can do a job for me in the state squad. His performances in the pre-season and early NSL players have put him into reckoning," Stowell said.

And then when asked whether the "surprise selection" was in the Brisbane City team, Stowell replied: "Yes, he's on the park today".

While Mengotti has been tagged the "surprise selection" anyone who has watched his form improve in recent seasons will not be too shocked.

Four years ago Mengotti was just another player in an ordinary valley trident state league side, but with a determined attitude, which only recently has become outwardly evident, Mengotti returned to his junior club Brisbane City for a crack at the big time.

For two years he retrained a fringe NSL player — largely regarded as an enthusiastic youngster who could be used as a striker, midfielder or fullback.

But it was been this season, in his role as stopper that Mengotti has come into a class of his own.

Not only has he a fearsome tackle and is strong in the air, his early days as a free-running midfielder have given him the skills and confidence in carry the ball out of defence and into attack.



FRANK LIDDELL

Having the experience Steve Perry, who has returned to City this year, behind him also has helped to boost Mengotti's confidence.

City coach Jim Hermiston has no doubts Mengotti should be in the state squad and says his selection would be anything but a "surprise".

"Frank is in fine form and deserves recognition," Hermiston said.

Hermiston attributes Mengotti's rapid improvement in recent times to his dedication working at training and in matches.

"And his concentration during the game was improved. I think that's the major difference," Hermiston said.

If Mengotti is included in the state squad, it will

be interesting to see whether he will be used as a central defender or used by Stowell in another role.

It would not surprise to see Mengotti switched to rightback, with instructions to overlap. That would allow Stowell to solve his central defence worries by pairing Lions players David Hunter and Steve Jackson. Alan Niven would assume his usual place at left back with City's Kim Wishart and Lions' Wayne Evans vying for the No.1 Jersey.

It could be expected the Queensland midfield will be the usual trio of John and Russell Stewart and John Ogden, although Ogden's form has been erratic of late.

City fullback Garry Bromfield is preferred by

Stowell as an attacking midfielder-cum-left winger and could take Ogden's place.

The forward line certainly will include Danny Wright, probably partnered by Lions' new Scottish import Jim Morton and Coalstars striker Dave Wheeler, last year's Queensland scorer against New South Wales.

Although such a team would be heavily imbalanced to the left.

Stowell is expected to name 16 players this week who will trian weekly until he May 11 clash, it is hoped the Maroons will get two trial games before the annual game.

A likely Queensland squad could be: Kim Wishart, Wayne Evans, Frank Mengotti, David Hunter, Steve Jackson, Alan Niven, Russell Stewart, John Stewart, John Ogden, Jim Morton, Danny Wright, Dave Wheeler, Garry Bromfield, Glenn Archer, Clark Anderson, Alan Reis.

Of that squad, 11 were among the 15 who toured Fiji with Queensland last year, winning two of three matches including a victory over the Fiji national team.

PERRY'S RETURN IS A BEAUTY

AFTER 18 months in exile, Steve Perry has returned to Spencer Park — and Brisbane City could not be happier.

Perry has slotted in at sweeper in the club's national league team and with only a few games under his belt he already has added a new stability and strength to the defence.

So impressive has he been in the opening weeks of the season, that some have even suggested Perry could be in line to win his second Queensland player of the year award following his initial success back in 1978.

So much has happened to the pint-sized defender since that win.

At the time, Perry was a regular in Rudi Gutendorf's Australian team, being rated one of the best fullbacks in the country.

But Gutendorf's departure heralded the end of the green and gold for Perry and it also signalled the beginning of a period of continual injury.

Perry each week struggled injury after injury to get on the park for City. Whose team was in rapid decline.

By the beginning of the 1984 season he had had just about enough and when local intermediate league club Redlands made an approach, Perry jumped at the chance for a change.

"We had to struggle week after week and I found it made me tried mentally so I needed a break," he said.

Perry also claimed the club's policy of spending money on facilities rather than players also prompted him to look for an out.

But after a season and a half in the lower league, Perry's batteries have been recharged and he again approached City.

"Steve told me he wanted to play for Brisbane City and he wanted to be coached by me. You can't ask for a better attitude than that so we immediately signed him," City coach Jim Hermiston said.

Some thought Perry might struggle in returning to the national league, but experience is unrivalled advantage and Perry had shown all his old class and talent to get out of any right situation.

"After 18 months away

from the top level it is hard adjusting back to the quicker pace of the game," Perry said.

"But I can overcome that quickly and I am determined to make a success of it as it would be tragic if City ever had to drop out of the league."

"Without being bigheaded, I felt I still had something to offer and maybe my experience will be of assistance to some of the younger players."

Already that has been the case and City's defensive youngsters, fullback Glenn Archer and stopper Frank Mengotti are having their best seasons to date.

In fact, getting Perry back to Spencer Park, could prove to be the best move City has made in years..

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AD CITY HAVE STERN TASK

Adelaide City embarks on two precarious trips over the next two weekends – a situation which has upset coach Zoran Matic and the club's committee.

Its opening round National League game was in Melbourne against Heidelberg, then there was a home match with Footscray last weekend. On Sunday, City is off to Brisbane to take on Lions, then is away again to Preston in Melbourne.

Its opening round Nanda Cup game was in Perth, against Macedonia, so the SA side has four of its first five games of the season away from home.



Sergio Melta

Apart from the loss of cash so early in the season, points are so vital with a place in the "new" 14-team league at stake for next year.

Working on the average system with placings in this year's league counting for the 14-team format along with previous performances and crowd support, Adelaide City is in overall fifth place on a table calculated on results since the start of the NSL in 1977. SA rivals Adelaide Hellas are in tenth spot.

While City got off to a reasonable start with a point from the Heidelberg game, Hellas crashed at home to Sunshine George Cross, despite a rebuilt team.

Hellas now has to cash in on its two home games straight – against Preston on Sunday, then Green Gully the following week.

While City has spent little on rebuilding its team, its first string of players looks good and capable of carrying it through to the 1987 format – if there is not a run of injuries.

Already newcomer Paul Wilde, signed from State League club Azzurri, is struggling to get fully fit after a five-a-side injury.

A class forward, he should be a big asset once he shakes off his injury, and reaches the same fitness level as his new teammates.

Then there is Sergio Melta, ace midfielder filling in at full back after having a broken arm reset twice.

He collected the injury in the State team playing in India during the close season when the SA side emerged champions in an international tournament.

Melta can play anywhere but midfield is his best spot.

And he may be able to switch there this weekend if a couple of signings come off.

Two Argentinians have been training with City, with one of them a rugged full back.

The other is an elegant, tall midfielder.

Immigration papers and contracts were holding up proceedings as we went to press.

The pair were brought to Australia by a member of the City committee

who has Argentinian connections.

And both players, in their 20s, have Italian backgrounds, as do so many South Americans.



STEVE MAXWELL

ers, and this is where City could score as they have no visa men.

While they want to save money to pay off their final debts, the club won't hesitate to import stars if it means staying in the national competition.

But Matic is confident he can come through with his present squad, and Melta agrees.

The 1984 NSL Player of the Year says that while there has always been pride in pulling on a City

shirt, this year there "is a real desire to do well."

And he is placing a lot of faith in strikers Joe Mullen and Steve Maxwell.

"Joe has his old goal-scoring flair back and he struck up what appears to be a perfect understanding with Steve," said Melta who missed most of the team's summer Ampol Cup-winning glory because of his injury.

"Last year we had chances galore but we missed so many goals it was unreal.

"With Joe back on target this could be a great season for us."

But the big worry is injuries, with Melta, defender Alex Tobin, all-rounder Charlie Villani, Aurelio Vidmar and Wilde already victims.

Matic may yet have to call up his young reserves, playing in the SA State League Second Division, or put out an SOS for new blood.

The two Argentinians may be the answer in the short term.

Illawarra Jottings

WITH PAUL MURPHY

THE premier league premiership started on a fiery note with two players sent from the field in the Port Kembla-Bellambi game at Wetherall Park.

Port Kembla fullback Ricky Miccol and Bellambi winger Ray Farrell were shown the red card eight minutes from the end after standing toe-to-toe trading punches.

Referee John Cowland had to contend with a very physical ending to a game that was otherwise very disappointing.

Port Kembla coach Joe Moreno said Miccol was the victim of circumstances as Farrell threw the first two punches.

"I continually warn my players not to retaliate but is very hard in a situation like that," Moreno said.

For the record, Port Kembla won 2-0 after Bellambi missed at least three clear-cut scoring chances in the first 15 minutes.

Wollongong City's assistant coach Glenn Fontana has itchy feet.

Fontana has signed with Illawarra first division club Balgownie after premier league Coniston had tried to lure him to Kelly Park.

In the season opener against newly promoted Picton, Balgownie got the points with a 2-1 win with Fontana getting one of the goals from the penalty spot. When he was in his late teens Fontana played with the Balgownie side that played in the Federation second division.

It looks like being a long, hard season for Coledale.

In their opening game of the season the northern suburbs outfit went down 12-1 to South Coast Croatia, just promoted from second division.

Coledale, unlike the clubs south of Wollongong, lack the ability to draw on young players.

The area is short on junior soccer teams while they seem to be sprouting up every season in the Warilla and Dapto areas.

Bill Neskovski has switched from Cringila to

Coniston and will certainly be big value for his new club.

A very promising young man in the theatre world, Neskovski was one of the best midfielders in premier league last season.

With Coniston he will play first grade and coach the reserve grade side and secretary Lex McLean says he is the best signing the club have made for a long time.

"We are back in the premier league and can't afford to drop back out this year as we might never get another chance," McLaren said.

"This season we have some very good junior players coming through and having the likes of Neskovski to emulate can only help their progress."

Soccer players still get married in the soccer season...

At the weekend, Port Kembla coach Joe Moreno was without striker Joe Cohelo and midfielder Maurizio Montecchi as they were tying the knot.

To make matters worse fullback Ricky Miccol was suspended.

Moreno said it was a blow to his first grade side to have three key players missing but this year he has a lot more depth.

"We have attracted a very good squad of senior players this season and I feel there are seven or eight in reserve grade who can come straight up to the top team," Moreno said.

Bulli played a 1-1 draw with West-Figtree in their opening match but coach Norm Flanagan wasn't impressed.

Little wonder as they should have won the game at least 4-1 on the general trend of play.

If it is any consolation for the Bulli coach in the first game last season they were thrashed 6-1 by Port Kembla and went on to win the championship.

So Flanagan's team is a point better off than the same stage last season.

TASSIE TALES IN FIRST ROUND NO SURPRISES

BY JOHN TSCHIPPARA

NORTHERN Tasmania's league season blasted into action on the Easter weekend with no fewer than 18 goals.

The closest game of the first round saw 1985 league champions, Georgetown, struggle to master the windy conditions, hard ground and a spirited Ulverstone to conclude with a 1-0 win scored by player-coach Peter Sawdon just after half-time.

The only losing team to score a goal was Matric who went down 4-1 at home to a Croatia side which is tipped as the big surprise of the year. Player-coach Brian Davidson,

Spurgeon and new signings Stillie (from Launceston United) and Schiebl (from Georgetown) each scored once, while Matric's lone reply came from their big striker, Phil Davis.

Four goals seemed to be the tally that the winners looked to score as four of the five winning teams netted four goals each.

While Croatia were sorting out Matric, Burnie did like-wise against last year's wooden-spooners, Western Suburbs, Devon-

port accounted for Launceston United and, at Prospect, Juventus showed a rejuvenated spirit to deal with Riverside Olympic.

Colin Guest scored Juventus's first goal as he rounded 'keeper John Peters to place it neatly into the net.

He headed his second just before half-time when he rose to meet a Gugliotti cross and power the ball past a diving Peters. Juventus made it 3-0

just after half-time when Mies crossed the ball to give Guest his hat-trick — his second in as many weeks.

Mid-way through the second half a far post corner by another new signing, Dominic Frac-

cio, gave Ernie Guest a free header to make the final score 4-0.

The only consolation for Olympic came when Todd rose to meet a cross, but his powerful header agonisingly rebounded off the upright.

Round 1 results:							
Georgetown d	Ulverstone						1-0
Devonport d	Launceston United						4-0
Launceston Juventus d	Riverside Olympic						4-0
Croatia d	Matric						4-1
Burnie d	Western Suburbs						4-0
Ladder (after Rnd 1):							

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Devonport	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
Juventus	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
Burnie	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
Croatia	1	1	0	0	4	1	2
Georgetown	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Ulverstone	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Matric	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Western Suburbs	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Riv. Olympic	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Launc. United	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

Round 2 fixtures:							
Riv. Olympic v	Matric						
Devonport v	Juventus						
Ulverstone v	Launc. United						
Western Suburbs v	Georgetown						
Croatia v	Burnie						



The great Johan Cruyff in action.

THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE

AUSTRALIA GOES DOWN TO TAIWAN IN OCEANIA FINAL

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AUSTRALIA despite gallantly winning their way through to the 1986 Oceania Cup Final against Taiwan in Christchurch, went down 4-1 after holding Taiwan to a scoreless first half.

Star of the match was Australia's Queensland centre-back, Joanne Millman, who led the Australian defence of Karen Menzies, Andrea Martin and Sue Buswell courageously.

The tenacious Joanne, stuck like glue to Taiwan's deadly Liu Yu-Chu, who was also her country's star in the 1984 World Women's Invitational tournament in Taipei City.

But the highly talented attacking midfielder just two minutes into the

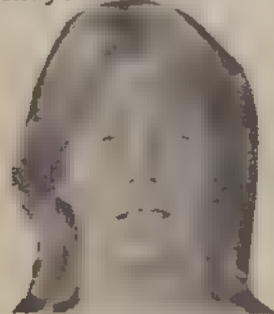
second half, was able to shake off Millman's marking briefly.

Liu Yu-Chu broke free to smash a hot shot high into Australia's net, well beyond the reach of Victorian goalkeeper, Theresa Jones.

Before Australia could settle from this shock goal, Taiwan quickly scored their second to have Australia on the ropes.

Australia, marshalled by skipper, Susan Monteath, quickly regained their composure to pull a goal back following a foul

on the powerful striker, Renaye Iserief.



Renaye Iserief—high work rate.

Central defender, Andrea Martin, took the indirect free kick awarded by the New Zealand referee, which cannoned

into Taiwan's defensive wall.

The ball bounced straight back to Martin who again drove hard, but this time sent her drive rocketing into Taiwan's net.

Australia were constantly hampered by Taiwan who committed repeated body-checks and obstruction.

Coach Fred Robins after the match told me:

"We were really out-classed by a top professional side. They were excellent to say the least and yet I wasn't disappointed with my team.

"The two early second-half goals really set our girls back. In fact they shattered us.

"But when we did score through Andrea's effort to bring the scoreline to 2-1, we were really back into the game," Robins said.

Australia's midfield quartet of Shona Bass, Susan Monteath, Marian Milanovic and Sharon Mateljan, fought on gamely to build up a ball-supply to strikers Renaye Iserief and Leanne Priestley.

Taiwan gave a brilliant display of one-touch football that had Australia's girls mesmerised.

Australia created chances through Renaye Iserief in the first half who cracked a fierce left-footed drive just over the crossbar.

Joanne Millman fired a powerful drive in the second half that went inches off its target.

Taiwan's sheer brilliance on the ball, with most players able to bend the ball with either boot, was tremendous to watch.

But as the match progressed, some of Australia's new international youngsters began to wilt as their fitness gave in to Taiwan's pacey pressure.

Taiwan were able to score their third goal with a long lofty drive and added their fourth and final goal just seconds from full-time.

Best performers for Australia were Joanne Millman and striker, Renaye Iserief.

Also outstanding were right-midfielder, Shona Bass who got stronger with every match and Western Australia's attacking midfielder, Sharon Mateljan who constantly tried to set up goals.

Left-back, Susan Buswell, with an excellent technique, according to national coach, Fred Robins, was the find of the tour and is expected to hold her place in the national side for a long time.



Joanne Millman—Outstanding.

Oceania will meet later this year to finalise plans for the Third Oceania Cup tournament which could see it staged in Australia next year and the winner possibly to represent in the Women's World Cup in 1988.

PREVIEW OF WSL MATCHES

UWE BRACKLOW

ROUND TWO will be played on April 13 and will feature the following games.

Manly-Warringah v Chipping Norton Colts at Cromer Park.

Parramatta City v Forest United at West Guildford Sport Ground.

Putney Town v Girraween United at Morrison Bay Park.

Starting time for reserve grade is 1pm and first grade 3pm.

Again three very tight games are ensured in first and reserve grade with possibly the feature game being Parramatta City against Forest United where a number of tight individual clashes should entertain spectators.

In the Putney Town v Girraween United clash it is a case of the young

Girraween team facing the formidable and experienced Putney. It is a case of two teams of unknown quantity meeting in the Manly-Warringah v Chipping Norton Colts game.

My guest tipster for this week is the Chipping Norton Colts captain Cathy Smith and her tips are Chipping Norton Colts, Forest United and Girraween United.

RESULTS - 4-4-86

Forest Utd v Manly	8-0
Parramatta City vs Girraween Utd	8-1
Putneytown v Chipping Norton	4-0
	5-0

SHORT SHOTS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THE ANNUAL Watson Shield, played recently over two days at the Atlanta Field, saw no fewer than 16 teams compete.

Cup holders, Grange Thistle were severely weakened by the absence of three of their stars, who are away in New Zealand with the national team were unable to help retain the Cup for their side.

Coalstars battled out the Final with North Stars and eventually ran out the winners.

GRANGE THISTLE, last season's champions, will be fighting to retain their title as they have lost key player in Australian captain, Susan Monteath. Susan is still undecided with which club she will join till her return this week from New Zealand with the National squad.

Grange will be coached by Queensland's Manageress, Marice Stephens who is hoping for big things from Lisa Hadley and Stephanie McMahon.

Former NSW and S.A. player, Sandy Walsh, also joins them this year.

LYN SPENCER, Queensland's very popular State midfielder from the Eastern Suburbs club, has gained the position of Publicity Officer for the S.Q.W.S.A.

And what an efficient little operator she has already shown to be, putting to shame most other associations in women's Soccer.

Congratulations Lyn and have a happy season.

SOUTH QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION kicked off their 1986 season last Sunday with few surprise results in the six team League.

Queensland's under 17 rep side is this year included in division 1.

The teams are Grange Thistle, Eastern Suburbs, Riverside, Coalstars, Merton Easts and the under 17s.

RIVERSIDE has lost the services off former State goalkeeper and Australian indoor rep, Kaye O'Sullivan, who has retired.

Another loss for the club is State midfielder Tracy Smith, who has joined Ipswich's Coalstars, as has Kaylene Jansen, a former State squad member.

Retained players by Riverside are: Charmaine Wass, Kelly Drake and Kimmy Dunlop, who is an Australian squad player.

Laine Thorne, former Queensland player, has pulled out of the game due to a nagging knee injury sustained at the Nationals in Canberra in 1984.

EASTERN SUBURBS, who finished a close second last year to Thistle, are hoping the inclusion of a few new players will bring them further success this year.

Doris Haddock and Leanne Priestley have both moved across from Grange Thistle.

The Millman girls, Joanne and Kerry, will again be growing for the "Tigers", as will Sharon Wass a former Australian midfielder.

Other signings include Lyn Spencer and Katrina Paley.

State midfielder, Lyn Spencer is the associations' efficient Publicity Officer. Eastern Suburbs will have great power and pace in their attack-line and midfield but will miss Sue Bubeck, their goalkeeper who returns to Toowoomba.

COALSTARS should prove to be one of the strongest outfits this year with the return of Lynne Geddes, Tracy Smith and Kaylene Jansen. They also have gained former ACT and Qld Rep, Diane Cameron. Diane however will be there for only six months as she plans to go overseas.

Re-signings are Michelle Sawyers, Teri McQueen and former State goalkeeper, Roslyn Brooke.

MERTON EASTS this season have Sue Clayton in goals which will prove to be a tonic as she is a former Australian goalkeeper.

Also at Merton will be Sue's sister, Vanessa, a Qld midfielder and Samantha O'Brien a former Brisbane Youth Rep.

QUEENSLAND UNDER 17s representatives will rely heavily on players of the calibre of Racanne Dower who is equally comfortable as goalkeeper or field player.

Pacey striker, Kerrie Rowe is a player of the future.

These girls will play their matches on Wednesday nights and are eligible to play with other clubs on Sundays if they desire to do so.

OLD EXECUTIVE

The following people will hold positions on the S.Q.W.S.A.

They are as follows:
President: Ms G. Harris.
Senior vice-President: Ms A. Hirsch.
Junior vice-President: Ms M. Stephens.
Secretary: Mrs H. Millman.
Treasurer: Ms J. Millman.
Publicity Officer: Ms L. Spencer.

Fixture Controller: Mr A. Dower and Mr A. Goodfellow.

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AUSTRALIA INTO CUP FINAL

WHAT a magnificent performance by Australia's golden girls last week in New Zealand in the Second Oceania Cup Tournament.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Despite our National team being stripped of five of our very best players, all from NSW, the Aussie girls carried on gallantly.

In their first match, they took care of current cup holders New Zealand, defeating them on the first day 1-0 with a superb goal by striker, Renaye Iserief.

Maybe this first up win against the powerful cup favourites was a little too much for our girls to take because, in the next match, they went down to the highly skilled lightweights, China Taipei.

Although Australia lost against Taiwan 1-0, they did enough to get at least a draw.

But not to be completely disheartened, round three of the tournament saw Australia take on the Kiwis B side.

A long cross from the left flank into the Kiwis' box saw the ball knocked

back out to left midfielder Sharon Mateljan.

The blonde Western Australian couldn't believe her luck as, completely unmarked, she raced in to meet the loose ball, smashing a 25 metre rocketing bomb that crashed into New Zealand's net for a spectacular goal.

Australia performed with distinction here, running out winners 2-1.

Against the Kiwi B side, Australia went ahead through a well deserved penalty knocked in by Aussie skipper, Susan Monteath.

Left striker, Murray was flattened by the Kiwi goalkeeper in an aerial battle for the ball. The referee immediately ruled a penalty to Australia and the Green and Gold captain did the rest.

Right back Lisa Radar was replaced at half-time by Northern NSW utility back, Karen Menzies.

Menzies added thrust from the back, forcing her midfielders upfield into constant attack.

In the 65th minute, Australia booked themselves a berth into the cup final when they scored their second goal.

The Kiwis managed to pull back a consolation goal through a drop in concentration by Australia, but the race was over and Australia had smashed their way into the final.

It was another fine team performance with Mateljan, Shana Bass and Menzies starring in the second session.

Line-up: Buschman, McQueen, Millman, Buswell, Bass, Rader, Monteath, Mateljan, Murray, Iserief, Dodd.

Replacements, Menzies came on for McQueen in the 46th minute and Martin on for Murray in the 48th.

some office space and holding meetings.

I think this step is an important and necessary one in that it still allows the NSWWSF the ability to run its own affairs basically but can call on the much more established NSWWSF for expertise and assistance required in advancing Soccer in this State.

The first function that will be held at the Parklea complex is the first trials for the State Under 17 girls team on April 23 at 7pm.

that it now has even more leverage in dealing with other bodies.

As one of the first steps, Alan Lytton has been appointed to the coaches panel, thus allowing the NSWWSF a voice in formulating ideas and assistance in coaching clinics.

As a long-term prospect, it would be advantageous if the women's body looks to establishing itself also at Parklea in regard to

NSW GIRLS NOW IN STATE FEDERATION

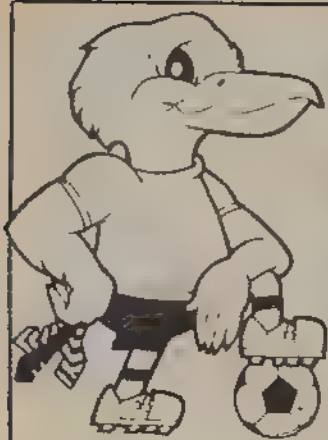
BY UWE BRACKLOW

AFTER much discussion, the NSWWSF has taken the plunge and affiliated to the NSW Soccer Federation.

This now brings all major factions in this State under the one umbrella, and NSW the most stable it has ever been.

The move ensures that the girls and women in this State finally have access to the fine sporting complex Valentine Park, at Parklea and they will be able to be much more up-to-date in Soccer happenings.

The NSWWSF now has the last major external organisation with it so



THE JUNIOR GAME

with TONY RACITI



SAYS TONY RACITI

JUNIOR Soccer players are the backbone to the future of the code in this country.

In short the success, expansion and popularity of Soccer in Australia will be

determined by the attention and promotion of juniors are given.

JUNIOR CHAT

BATHURST '75, only one of three country clubs within the Youth League has been forced to withdraw due to lack of players. "It is heartbreaking, but unfortunately we had no other alternative," Bathurst secretary June Jackson said this week.

"For the boys the challenge and motivation will not be the same as they revert to their local competition. They have no tasted the higher level of competition, and the travel and experience will be sadly missed by the players.

"We hope to organise our ranks in the next 12 months and apply once again in 1987 for affiliation."

THERE are moves underway to have the NSW Coaches Federation completely disbanded.

The Coaches Federation over the past few seasons has become totally inactive, due to certain management officials keen on seeing the organisation close down.

The move is seen by most coaches in NSW as a backward step.

If the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs decides in future to cease employing a full time director of coaching, we would be

left without no coaching structure at all.

The NSW coaches Federation serves junior Soccer, and as such there is no need to do away with the organisation.

BLACKTOWN Association have dismissed with the services of their Referees Association.

The reason being that the referees have asked for massive increases in fees.

Therefore the Blacktown Association will now form their own referees body.

No doubt referees who were members of the Referees Association will join the Association ranks and referee matches at appropriate remuneration levels.

ILLAWARRA District Soccer Association are to be complimented on their facilities at their home venue of Lysaghts Oval.

It is a magnificent venue which would be the envy of many State League first division clubs.

LONG-time promoters of Secondary School Boys' Soccer, the Commonwealth Bank, have extended their involvement by now sponsoring the NSW State-wide Girls' competition.

The girls will now play for the Commonwealth Shield, thus joining the boys who vie for the prestigious Commonwealth Bank Cup.

For the South Coast region, the draws for both competitions follow as closely as possible so that interest and inter-school rivalry will be very keen. Outstanding first round matches will be between last year's Regional Champions, Warrington, and a strong team from Kanahooka. Other interesting clashes are Oak Flats against Warilla, Figtree take on Woonona and Berkeley are matched against competition favourites, Keira.

It'll be a busy 11986 for South Coast Schools, as the Region has won the rights to stage this year's State Open Boys' Championship. On display will be the cream of New South Wales High School Soccer stars. A feature of this competition is the emergence of country regions. Many country areas are producing excellent players ensuring all games are very competitive.

The local boys are hoping to do well on their own soil and considering they retain most of last year's squad, they are keen to improve one place on last year's runners-up medallions.

The majority of these meetings were spent discussing All Age, Premier League and over thirties competitions. Don't take me wrong, they are as much a part of Soccer as the FA Cup, but these All Age competitions should not be run at the expense of the juniors.

The All Age should be totally separated from the juniors in the Associations and conducted as a separate entity by an entirely different body.

The interests between both groups are completely different, requiring specialised management, handling both sections of the junior and amateur code.

The juniors objective is to promote and develop as many boys through the ranks, whilst All Age and Premier League has a more social outlook.

Players competing in All Age and Premier League are players who are no longer able to compete in NSL or State League, players who realistically have failed to make the grade, players who believe they should have made the grade and have been hard done by... and players who have no desire to devote the effort and time involved in competing at a higher level of the game.

At present, it is impossible for any Association to devote reasonable amount of time to organising both sections of the amateur game.

Their participation is not questioned but when clubs and Associations spend time and much needed finances discussing these social competitions, the end result is that our junior future talent is being neglected.

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Coaches and administrators of both groups are forced to sit and wait for their section to be discussed, if time permits.

Normally it is the junior game which is pushed aside, as Associations are slowly and surely being infiltrated by administrators that are solely interested in All Age and Premier League.

Unfortunately these All

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 1 RESULTS

DIVISION ONE

Blacktown City v St George	1-2	4-1	1-1	1-4
Illawarra v Apia	2-1	3-1	0-4	0-1
Melita v Gladesville	1-1	2-0	6-0	0-0
Nepean Association v Sydney Olympic	1-4	0-6	0-5	1-3
Marconi v Canterbury	9-0	7-2	0-1	4-1

DIVISION TWO

Granville v Central Coast	7-2	2-1	2-5	3-0
North Bankstown v Marcarthur	0-3	1-0	1-1	2-1
Sutherland v Avala	6-0	3-3	2-2	0-2
Kuringai v Manly	4-1	2-2	2-0	1-3
Sthn Districts v Sydney City	3-2	1-2	0-4	2-1

DIVISION THREE

Bathurst 75 v Auburn	Bye			
Croatia Sydney v Canterbury	2-0	1-1	3-2	1-1
Campbelltown v Yugal	0-3	4-0	6-0	2-1
Blacktown Assoc v Bankstown Assoc	2-2	0-0	1-1	0-1
Polonia v Rockdale	0-2	3-2	1-10	2-0

Age and Premier League clubs are now beginning to dominate. Even worse they are coming out of the woodwork at a phenomenal rate. I will not be as cruel as some senior administrators and label this section of the game as "grass cutters". They have every right to participate in the sport of their choosing.

But what right they do not have is to destroy the game at grass roots level. Bluntly they are gradually doing this, separate both sections and be done with it.

Associations are allowing clubs to affiliate, comprising three or four All Age sides and one or two junior teams.

This is creating confusion, as facilities within the various Associations are limited and in most areas extremely crowded.

Therefore these All Age teams are limiting the use of venues for the juniors and in some cases successfully tendering in opposition for grounds.

The facilities, grounds, referees and coaches cannot cope with the demand, resulting in grounds being totally destroyed midway through the season, referees not being allocated to matches because of lack of numbers and teams not being able to find suitable coaches.

The NSW Amateur Soccer Federation should step in and limit the number of clubs allowed in each

Association.

The decision on whether to allow new clubs to affiliate into an Association should also be made by the ruling body, the NSWASF. They cannot be influenced in the same way certain members of an Association executive can be, where who you know can determine if a club is accepted as a new affiliate.

The NSWASF are generally experienced administrators, who had had a long history in the game at junior level.

If vital decisions are made by the code's ruling body, common sense will prevail.

But with the state the junior code is in at the moment, no wonder we are referred to as amateur's by other sporting codes.

Other codes would never tolerate a disenchanted official or player the right to establish another club within any particular area, just because that particular person has had a falling out with their organisation.

Only Soccer would tolerate such a situation. Other codes do not allow the affiliation of a new club unless they have met stringent affiliation rules.

Importantly they ensure that no other club is hindered or weakened by the admittance of a new club. We must learn from our mistakes, as well as from our successes.

The All Age contingent have received their opportunities already, now step aside and allow the youth of today their opportunity to succeed.

APIA YOUTH LEAGUE

Trials for APIA's Under 13 Youth League are being held every Monday and Thursday at **Leichhardt Oval No. 2**

(next to swimming pools)

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STRIKING A BLOW FOR COUNTRY

I would like the right of reply to the editor's comment on my letter ASW March 25.

You are entitled to your opinion but this may be based on a lack of knowledge of the Soccer players in the country.

I will agree that club teams in the country find it difficult to match some city teams.

But given the opportunity and the finance we could put together a team that will match anyone.

This may sound like a boast but we did give the national youth team a shock in 1984.

Maybe the ASF would not be game to give us a go at the national team.

If you are convinced that we could not come up with a team, maybe you would like to back your conviction with a cheque to help us cover travelling expenses for players to train together and prepare for a game against the national team.

I guess that these boasts and questions will never be answered as we will not have the money for our team and the ASF will never allow the national team to play outside the city.

Ray Veldon,
Koorngal.

WHY THOSE GIRLS WITHDREW

WHEN reading the article by John Economos on the withdrawal of several players for the Australian Women's team to tour New Zealand (ASW March 11, 1986) I was alarmed at a number of inaccuracies.

The action of the NSW players was not only prompted by financial difficulties. Rather it was the ultimate expression of frustration with an AWSA executive which has proven itself to be inflexible, non-communicative and isolated.

Before condemning the action of the NSW players the following points should also be considered.

1. The actual cost to players including meals and personal expenses will probably exceed \$1,000 rather than the \$550 stated. The fact that two players have paid \$375 deposits is NOT "contradictory to the grievance" as this money was in fact borrowed for that purpose.

2. The time involved in this tour was probably the most crucial factor. Several players were threatened with dismissal or denial of promotion if they continued to take time off for Soccer. As most would be absent without pay during the tournament, the real cost could be closer to \$2,000 — \$2,500.

3. The problem of absence from work was aggravated by the compulsory training camp at the AIS in the week prior to leaving for New Zealand. While no-one denies the benefit of such a camp, the inflexible attitude of the AWSA in regard to the timing and duration of the camp places even greater pressure on the players involved.

4. The fact that a problem such as this may arise was brought to the attention of the national coach Fred Robins as early as January.

The NSW executive attempted throughout February to initiate discussions with the AWSA in an attempt to alleviate these problems now and in the future. All these approaches were apparently ignored. The offer of staggered payments by the AWSA is purely cosmetic surgery, really too little, too late.

5. The purported "cry" against the efforts of the National Executive Director regarding sponsorship have not been heard by our Federation.

While some disquiet may exist regarding her selection to the position, people are prepared to give her time before judging her efforts.

6. If the AWSA is so concerned about easing the burden on our national players why do they insist on sending our team overseas every year?

Surely the easiest way to ease the burden on our players is to have them play at home.

However, it appears that our national team has not played an international match on Australian soil since 1979. I ask the question as to how many sports have to wait seven or eight years before seeing their national team play at home?

The NSW players and executive do not see this as a negative action only. They will be presenting practical proposals to the AWSA in an attempt to alleviate future problems.

They realise the strength of women's soccer is in unity. It is now up to the AWSA to openly and fairly discuss the issues with all States and all players.

Failure to do so will convince many people that the AWSA is in fact a regime intent on self preservation.

Jeff Saul,



YES, DAYNEY WAS REALLY THE BEST

I have been watching Soccer for the last 50 years both in Australia and overseas and have watched the best, from Puskas to Pele.

Answering your question — was Fred Dayney the best? Yes, he was in my opinion and many writers and referees that used to name him "man of the match" week after week.

I watched this Maltese international from way back in the late 50's when he played against my home team Banik-Ostrava to the year he came to Australia to join Auburn.

His style was very similar to the great Danny Blanchflower. I used to follow Prague but whenever I got a chance I used to go and watch Auburn.

I saw Dayney play in different positions. To me he was a true international. He had ball skills, good distribution, used both feet, good tackle, good dribbler and most important could play in every position equally as well.

Now, if you are still in doubt why not ask some of these coaches in NSW that Dayney played against:—

Fil Botalico, Joe Marston, Leo Baumgartner, Karl Jaros, Walter Tamandil, John Warren, Ron Corry, Les Scheinflug.

R. Venglos
Sydney

REGARDING you asking if Fred Dayney was the best halfback. I would say he was one of the best, with others. One in particular, Walter Tamandil.

Do any of your readers know the whereabouts of Fred Dayney?

Is he still involved in Soccer? Before I finish what would ASW readers think the result would be if this team played the present Australian team.

Goalkeepers Ron Lord, Bill Henderson.
Fullbacks S. Sherwin, Venglos, Vangallen.
Half backs F. Dayney, W. Tamandil.
Centre halves J. Marston or Ninaus brothers.
Forwards L. Schuman, Ninaus, L. Baumgartner, A. Sagi, B. Morrow.

Any of your readers who remember these players will know what the result would be.

G. Wiley,
Castle Hill.

DON'T BRAND US ALL AS HOOLIGANS

I REFER to your article about hooliganism in Australian Soccer. I was present at the so-called Pratten Park riot. I am an avid Sydney Olympic supporter and female at that.

Your article to me seemed quite biased towards Olympic. You claimed that all Olympic supporters act this way. Not so. I was present and quite disgusted at what I saw, but that didn't mean that all Olympic supporters jumped the fence and bashed the living daylight out of Sydney City.

There were many of us who were flabbergasted, disillusioned and sorry, but your article has branded all Olympic supporters "hooligans." Please don't judge a book by its cover until you have read its contents. There are many of us dedicated without these animalistic qualities.

MARY KONDOS, Kingsford.

MONARO'S SIDE OF STORY

WELL, Inter Monaro did want Michael Hocking to play but now, following Frank Finlay's ASW article recently, the mood of the committee has changed considerably. And who could wonder why?

BY DEREK PEACHEY

To put it bluntly, Michael Hocking has blown his chances of getting off the contractual hook. Finlay, in fact, did Hocking a disservice by not checking the facts in the Hocking/Monaro dispute.

Fact No.1. Hocking and the committee of Inter Monaro met on 17 September to discuss contractual arrangements for the 1986 season.

During that meeting, as with the committee's meeting with other players, the full facts of the contract were explained. A normal procedure.

Fact No.2. Hocking returned the contract, signed, to the committee on 15 October, 1985, one full month later. The committee breathed a sigh of relief. Inter Monaro once again had the services of its No.1 goalkeeper for 1986.

With Nick Antonopoulos fit, and standing by as No.2, Monaro's goalkeeping worries were over. That was until...

Fact No.3. On 25 November, 1985, five or six weeks later, a letter was received from Hocking advising the committee he would not, after all, be playing for Inter Monaro in '86, as it was his intention to travel overseas in June.

Needless to say, this immediately caused a flurry of activity by committee members, namely chairman, Gianni D'Adario and coach Frank Maccarone.

Hocking was contacted on numerous occasions. His obligations as a contracted player were explained to him. A job in Queanbeyan and payment for lodgings in the area were arranged and offered to Hocking but were turned down by him as he had decided he would prefer to remain at home with his parents before heading off overseas.

Further discussions with Hocking foundered during January 1986 when the committee realised they were fighting an already lost battle for the services of their No.1 choice 'keeper.

In the meantime, believing they had the services of Hocking, the committee passed up chances of obtaining one of several experienced goalkeepers who had offered their services to Monaro for 1986.

Maccarone spent many hours, sometimes into the early hours of the morning, trying to obtain a replacement for Hocking. Unfortunately, to no avail, until Steve Hoszowski reappeared.

All this time Hocking and Lavington maintained correspondence on the matter but, rightly, Monaro refused to release Hocking from his two-year contract uncondi-

tionally.

Monaro, and particularly Frank Maccarone, have long been proud of their record of developing and assisting players to improve their Soccer careers.

However, a contract is a contract and as such carries certain obligations for both the player and the club. Any professionally-oriented club here, or overseas, will retain the right to a professional player's services while a contract is in effect.

Monaro does not dispute Michael's loyalty over the past years, and it is doubtful if Michael could dispute the loyalty of Inter Monaro to him.

The attitude of the Border District Association, an amateur body, is commendable but Hocking is a professional who signed a professional contract — after a month's deliberation, then decided, after a further five or six weeks, he wanted to change his mind.

If Hocking, during his travels overseas, elects to play for another club there is no doubt Monaro will be happy to release him, for a fee worthy of his undoubted talents. No professional sporting club would have it otherwise. Why should Monaro be any different?

Is Inter Monaro to be accused of leaving a bad taste in many Soccer fans' mouths because they insist on maintaining a professional attitude to a problem that has developed in a sporting environment that is becoming increasingly professional?

And who will pay for injuries sustained by Hocking when playing for an amateur club of the Border District? Until a player is officially transferred from the club he is contracted to, insurance cover remains the responsibility of the club.

Monaro is not about to cover a player who does not, and prefers not to, play for it, despite the contractual arrangements.

As Monaro's coach, Maccarone says, "Australian players seem to think they can take all the benefits offered professional players without meeting their full obligations. It is time they were made more aware of what professionalism means."

"Once they are under contract they should stay with it. The club who took them on has to, and it certainly cannot afford to keep paying out every time a player changes his mind."

"Hocking's delayed decision has involved extra expense for the club in securing the services of a replacement."

"In Hocking's case I kept trying to contact him and his parents continually told me he was not available to talk. So, who is stopping whom from playing? Certainly not Monaro!"



GROBBELAAR THE CLOWN HAS THE LAST LAUGH

BOB WILSON, former Arsenal and Scotland goalkeeper, is the latest Soccer man to spring to the defence of much-criticised Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar.

Wilson says: "Grobbelaar is the best thing to happen to English goalkeeping since they invented gloves!"

"Name me another goalkeeper who comes so far out and holds crosses at 16 or 17 yards from his line."

"Bruce has the guts and confidence to attack balls other goalkeepers leave to their central defenders."

"The man is a gymnast turned goalie. I have never seen anyone else so agile or mobile for his height and weight."

"My verdict? I think Grobbelaar, the so-called clown, will have the last laugh on his critics."

That's great praise from Wilson, a man who certainly should know all about goalkeeping.

LIVERPOOL BOSS SHOCKS THE BANNED CLUBS

WITH virtually every English club desperate to return to European competition and see the ban lifted, Liverpool staggered everyone by stating the ban should remain in force.

Chairman John Smith, a very influential administrator, said: "There is no way English clubs should be allowed back into Europe. It is too soon."

"We should not even consider lifting the ban in less than three years."

"There must be a longer period of penance than one year. We need longer to break the habit of people travelling abroad for violent purposes."

"We cannot inflict havoc on European communities in the name of football. No game is worth that."

"England alone exports its hooliganism. It worries me that influential people are pressing for the ban to be lifted."

"If our clubs were to play in Europe next season, there would certainly be trouble and we would be thrown out for ever."

This is a remarkable outburst from John Smith

and it will not please the rulers of other clubs - or English F.A. secretary Ted Croker who are working hard to get English clubs back into Europe.

Smith, though, is also chairman of England's Sports Council, which

means he is not only concerned with Soccer affairs.

His own club, Liverpool, could be banished from Europe for six years since their ban will continue for three years after the general bans are lifted!

OXFORD SIGN LOYAL STEVE

WHOEVER said there's no sentiment in Soccer obviously knew a thing or two.

Take the remarkable story of Steve Perryman, Tottenham Hotspur's loyal servant for the past 19 years.

Spurs wanted Steve to stay at White Hart Lane. He requested a two-year contract but they refused, offering only a one-year deal.

This was not acceptable to Perryman, the club captain who has a proud record of 859 games for his one and only club.

So Spurs decided to give Steve a free transfer.

It did not take other clubs long to have serious talks with the player and Oxford United quickly fixed him up with favourable terms.

So Perryman, who had hoped to finish his playing days with Spurs, is now an Oxford player... and will surely be a valuable capture for that club.



STEVE PERRYMAN — Oxford

LOU MACARI CELEBRATES THE SACK

LOU MACARI, former Manchester United Scottish international, has just celebrated the first anniversary of the day he was sacked as boss of Selkirk Town.

It happened on Good Friday 1985. Macari was tipped out but was swept back into the job within hours — because Swindon's fans and shareholders demanding his reinstatement.

That was destined to be one of the smartest moves Swindon ever made.

They have been in superb form this season and stand proudly in top spot on the four division table.

Macari's big ambition is

to bring Swindon promotion and the fourth division championship. The way he's going, that should be almost certain.

Oddly enough, Swindon started the season badly and were third from bottom after a few weeks — causing a local bookie to offer 150 to 1 against the team getting promotion.

"I'm sorry to admit I didn't have a bet," said keen punter Macari. "That was the biggest mistake of my life."

BRUCE TELLS WHY PHIL LOST JOB

BRUCE GROBBELAAR, Liverpool's extrovert goalkeeper, has published his autobiography and it contains quite a few secrets from the Anfield dressing room.

For instance, Grobbelaar reveals why Phil Thompson was stripped of

the club captaincy.

Grobbelaar claims: "Team manager Bob Paisley came into the dressing room at half-time in a match and asked Thompson — 'What's the matter with you? Is the captain's job too much for you?'"

"Phil answered with a two-word reply. In the next game, Graeme Souness was skipper!"

PAUL ONLY ONE LEFT

THERE appears to be a steady turnover of players with most clubs and loyal club servants are a rarity.

This was brought home last week when Ipswich Town and Norwich City played a Testimonial for Ipswich goalkeeper Paul Cooper.

It was announced that Cooper is the only survivor of Ipswich's FA Cup-winning side of 1978.

That's 10 departures in eight years.



IPSWICH's evergreen keeper, PAUL COOPER in high flying action

BARCELONA GET SWEDE BASHING IN GOTHENBURG

SHORT-PRICED favourites for this year's European Cup, Barcelona, were handed a shock 3 - 0 defeat by the unfancied Gothenburg in Sweden.

It was a result nobody could have predicted because, after eliminating powerful Juventus from the competition, it seemed Barcelona were well on the way to picking up the trophy for the first time in their history.

But it was not to be. The rank outsiders, playing in front of their own friendly fans, turned on a magnificent performance and have now given the wealthy Spaniards all sorts of problems for the return leg of the semi-final in Nou Camp.

It is not beyond Barcelona's capabilities to get the four goals they need to survive but it will take a mighty effort.

Torben Nilsson, the veteran Swedish international who is contemplating retirement, was the man whose goals killed Barcelona.

Nilsson scored twice in the first half after 24 and 44 minutes and Tommy Holmgren added the third goal after 60 minutes.

Only once before has a Swedish side reached the European Cup Final when Malmo played Nottingham Forest, and lost, in 1980.

This Gothenburg team looks far better... indeed

only an outstanding side could score three times against Barcelona without reply.

A despondent Terry Venables, Barcelona's manager, admitted after the game: "We made things too easy for Gothenburg. Full marks to them. They deserved their win, but we are not out of it yet."

In the other European Cup semi-final, strongly-fancied Anderlecht could only squeeze through 1 - 0 in Brussels against Steaua of Romania.

Anderlecht will be

fortunate to survive when the return leg is played in Bucharest.

Anderlecht have history on their side because no Romanian team has ever played in a final in a European competition.

In other matches in Europe, the most convincing result was Dynamo Kiev's 3 - 0 humbling of Dukla Prague.

Star of the match was the brilliant Soviet veteran Oleg Blokhin who scored two goals.

At 33, Blokhin is still a giant among European footballers.



OLEG BLOKHIN... fast and brave.

Euro results

EUROPEAN CUP semi-finals: Anderlecht (Belgium) 1 Steaua Bucharest (Romania) 0. Gothenburg (Sweden) 3 Barcelona (Spain) 0. CUP WINNERS' CUP semi-finals: Dynamo Kiev (Soviet Union) 3 Dukla Prague (Czechoslovakia) 0. Atletico Madrid (Spain) 1 Uerdingen (West Germany) 0. UEFA CUP semi-finals: Cologne (West Germany) 4 Warem (Belgium) 0. Internazionale Milan (Italy) 3 Real Madrid (Spain) 1

BOWLES GOES TO BAR

THREE of Queens Park Rangers most revered old boys were spectators at the QPR v Watford match and most of the fans wished the famous trio, Rodney Marsh, Stan Bowles and Tony Currie, had been playing rather than watching.

All three played for England in the days when skill on the ball really meant something in English football.

How did they enjoy the Watford match? Marsh said it wasn't bad but Bowles, who hasn't changed his outlook since his playing days, bluntly summed-up: "I spent the last half hour in the bar!"



JOHN BYRNE of Queens Park Rangers shoots goalward in the match against Watford that sent the former Loftus Road idol Stan Bowles to the bar well before the end

(LEFT) BOBBY BARNES was recently transferred from West Ham to Fourth Division club Aldershot for some \$30,000. It is a far cry from when everyone was claiming Barnes would take the First Division by storm, unfortunately he never realised his potential in the top flight.



RUDOLFO REALLY RATES ENGLISH GOALKEEPERS

RUDOLFO RODRIGUEZ, goalkeeper of Uruguay and also Santos, the Brazilian club, says the two greatest goalkeepers in the world are both English — Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence.

"The English have a talent for producing world class goalkeepers. In 1966 and 1970 at the World Cup, Gordon Banks was the king of them all. And at the 1982 Cup in Spain, Shilton was the top goalkeeper," says Rodriguez.

He goes on: "It'll be the same in Mexico this year. England's great goalkeeping strength will be the cornerstone for their team."

ROBERTSON ATTRACTS TOP TEAMS

HEARTS winger and ace goalscorer John Robertson is again attracting a lot of attention from English clubs.

Robertson is one of the hottest properties in Scotland and one of the main reasons for Hearts doing so well this season.

Tottenham Hotspur are ready to jump in with an offer and that could be a biggest fee than QPR — also Robertson admirers — can match.

PLACE YOUR BET

FOOTBALL POOLS coupons embodying matches in the World Cup, are already on sale in Mexican cities.

The coupons list 13 matches are invited to forecast and result of each match.

It costs \$3 to enter and the guaranteed prize for anyone forecasting 13 correct results will be \$1,600,000.

The odds are generous. And they'd need to be!

The World Scoreboard

ENGLISH FA CUP s-f: Everton 2 Sheffield Wednesday 1 (aet), Liverpool 2 Southampton 0 (aet), Division 1: Chelsea 1 Ipswich 1, Coventry 1 Manchester United 3, Leicester 1 Tottenham 4, Manchester City 0 Arsenal 1, Oxford 1 Aston Villa 1, Watford 4 Newcastle 1, West Bromwich 1 Nottingham Forest 1, Birmingham 1 Luton playing today.

Division 2: Blackburn 0 Middlesbrough 1, Crystal Palace 2 Bradford 1, Huddersfield 2 Stoke 0, Hull 0 Sheffield United 0, Millwall 1 Grimsby 0, Norwich 3 Brighton 0, Portsmouth 2 Leeds 3, Shrewsbury 2 Charlton 1, Sunderland 4 Fulham 2, Carlisle v Wimbledon, Oldham v Barnsley playing today.

Division 3: Blackpool 0 Wolverhampton 1, Bournemouth 1 Plymouth 3, Bristol City 1 Lincoln 1, Bury 1, Bristol Rovers 1, Cardiff 1 Walsall 1, Chesterfield 4 Swansea 1, Derby 1 Brentford 1, Notts County 0 Reading 0, Wigan 0, Doncaster 1, York 3, Newport 1, Gillingham 3 Rotherham 0.

Division 4: Aldershot 0 Hartlepool 1, Cambridge 1 Swindon 1, Mansfield 0 Burnley 0, Orient 0 Crewe 1, Port Vale 1, Hereford 0, Wrexham 0 Peterborough 1, Colchester 2, Chester 3, Exeter 2 Rochdale 0, Halifax 0 Stockport 0, Scunthorpe 1 Preston 3, Southend 1 Torquay 2, Tranmere 1 Northampton 3.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Liverpool	36	20	10	6	73	36	70		
Everton	35	21	7	7	74	38	70		
Man Utd	36	20	8	8	60	29	68		
Chelsea	34	18	9	7	50	42	63		
Arsenal	35	18	7	10	43	38	61		
West Ham	32	18	6	8	51	30	60		
Luton	36	16	10	10	54	38	58		
Wrexham	37	17	7	12	63	49	58		
Notts Ftd	35	16	8	11	52	51	56		
Sheff Wed	35	15	10	10	54	53	55		
Newcastle	33	15	7	11	57	46	52		
Watford	36	15	6	15	57	44	51		
Tottenham	37	13	6	18	56	55	45		
QPR	37	11	10	16	40	50	43		
Man City	35	11	8	16	42	46	41		
Southampton	35	10	7	18	28	46	37		
Ipswich	38	9	10	19	45	64	37		
Coventry	38	9	10	19	45	64	37		
Leicester	36	8	11	17	53	71	35		
Oxford	36	8	11	17	53	71	35		
Aston Villa	36	7	13	16	39	57	34		
Birmingham	36	8	5	23	29	57	29		
WBA	37	4	10	23	29	80	22		

DIVISION TWO									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Norwich	36	23	7	6	77	34	76		
Bournemouth	36	20	6	10	61	35	66		
Charlton	34	17	8	9	49	39	59		
Wimbledon	34	16	10	8	46	32	58		
Hull	37	15	11	11	59	50	56		
Crystal P	36	16	8	12	45	42	56		
Sheff Utd	36	15	9	12	56	52	54		
Wrighton	36	15	8	13	58	53	53		
Oldham	36	14	8	14	56	54	50		
Stoke	36	12	13	11	43	46	49		
Millwall	35	14	6	15	51	51	48		
Barnsley	35	12	11	12	37	38	47		
Bradford	34	14	5	15	44	49	47		
Grimsby	37	12	10	15	51	54	46		
Huddersfield	37	12	10	15	48	61	46		
Shrewsbury	37	12	8	17	46	57	44		

Leeds	36	12	8	16	48	61	44
Blackburn	37	10	12	15	43	55	42
Sunderland	36	10	10	16	40	55	40
Middlesbrough	37	10	9	18	38	48	39
Carlisle	34	10	6	18	37	30	36
Fulham	34	8	5	21	37	55	29

DIVISION THREE									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Reading	38	25	5	8	58	44	80		
Gillingham	40	19	13	8	73	45	70		
Wigan	39	20	10	9	69	41	70		
Plymouth	38	20	8	10	67	47	68		
Derby	35	18	12	5	66	31	66		
Walsall	40	19	8	13	77	53	65		
Doncaster	40	16	13	11	49	43	61		
York	40	17	8	15	64	51	59		
Brentford	39	16	10	13	48	50	58		
Bristol C	39	15	12	12	58	52	57		
Notts City	38	15	12	11	56	53	57		
Blackpool	39	15	11	13	60	43	56		
Rotherham	39	14	10	15	56	49	52		
Barnsley	40	14	8	18	59	61	50		
Darlington	35	13	9	13	52	39	48		
Bolton	40	13	8	19	50	55	47		
Chesham	40	12	12	17	50	55	45		
Bristol R	38	12	9	17	46	65	45		
Lincoln	38	9	13	16	47	66	40		
Newport	40	8	15	17	42	60	39		
Bury	39	8	11	19	51	59	38		
Swansea	41	10	8	23	39	78	38		
Wolves	40	9	10	21	55	82	37		
Cardiff	41	9	9	23	46	76	36		

DIVISION FOUR									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Swindon	38	26	4	8	61	35	82		
Chesham	40	20	14	6	75	42	74		
Mansfield	38	21	9	8	64	38	72		
Port Vale	40	18	15	7	61	32	69		
Stockport	40	17	12	11	58	54	63		
Northampton	39	17	8	14	68	45	59		
Hartlepool	38	17	8	13	55	49	59		
Orient	38	15	11	12	64	52	56		
Crewe	40	15	9	16	49	55	54		
Burnley	39	15	8	16	53	55	53		
Exeter	40	13	13	14	41	48	52		
Hereford	39	14	9	16	61	61	51		
Southend	38	14	9	15	53	57	51		
Colchester	37	13	10	14	61	55	49		
Rochdale	38	13	10	15	47	57	49		
Wrexham	40	14	7	19	57	72	49		
Tranmere	40	13	7	20	65	64	48		
Halifax	37	12	10	15	52	58	46		
Peterborough	38	10	15	13	44	52	45		
Scunthorpe	39	11	12	16	40	50	45		
Cambridge	39	11	8	21	68	78	41		
Preston	41	11	8	22	50	75	41		
Aldershot	37	11	7	19	44	61	40		
Torquay	38	9	9	20	38	71	36		

SCOTTISH FA CUP s-f: Dundee United 0 Hearts 1, Hibernian 0 Aberdeen 3.

Premier Division: Clydebank 1 Motherwell 1, St Mirren 1 Celtic 2.

Division 1: Airdrieonians 2 Alloa 2, Ayr 2 Partick 3, Brechin 1, Dumbarton 1, Clyde 1, Kilmarnock 3, Falkirk 1, Forfar 0, Hamilton 1, Montrose 0, Morton 2, East Fife 2.

Division 2: Arbroath 2 Albion 0, Cowdenbeath 1 Meadowbank 0, Queen of the South 3, Dunfermline 1, Raith 2, East Stirling 0, Stirling 2, Berwick 2, Stranraer 1, St Johnstone 2, Queens Park 1, Stenhousemuir 1.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Hearts	32	18	9	5	54	30	45
Dundee Utd	30	15	10	5	49	24	40
Celtic	31	15	10	6	55	36	40
Aberdeen	30	14	12	9	51	25	38
Rangers	32	12	8	12	48	40	32

Dundee	32	12	7	13	39	48	31
Hibernian	32	10	6	16	46	56	26
St Mirren	31	10	5	16	36	50	25
Motherwell	30	6	6	18	27	52	18
Clydebank	32	5	7	20	26	68	17

DIVISION ONE									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Hamilton	32	21	8	3	67	28	50		
Dumbarton	33	15	10	8	54	40	40		
Falkirk	34	14	10	10	46	32	38		
Kilmarnock	34	15	8	11	54	44	38		
Forfar	32	13	8	11	41	37	34		
East Fife	33	10	14	9	43	41	34		
Morton	33	10	11	12	47	55	31		
Airdrie	33	10	10	13	44	42	30		
Brechin	32	12	6	14	49	54	30		
Partick	34	8	13	13	38	49	29		
Montrose	34	8	13	13	38	49	29		
Ayr	34	10	9	15	35	51	29		
Clyde	32	6	14	12	32	46	26		
Alloa	30	5	11	14	37	55	21		

DIVISION TWO

AUSTRIA: Rapid	2	Austria					
Venna 0, Grazer AK 3	3	Innsbruck					
Lask 1 Sturm Graz 0							
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Austria V	28	22	3	3	87	20	47
Rapid	28	19	7	2	82	20	45
Lask	28	12	8	6	43	33	32
Innsbruck	28	9	9	10	52	50	27
Grazer	28	10	7	11	41	48	27
Sturm Graz	28	6	15	7	38	48	27

MEZEY'S MEN MORE MAGICAL MAGYARS?

HUNGARY'S 3-0 win against touring Brazil made plenty of people sit up and take notice.

Is football about to see a revival of the magnificent Magyars of 30 years ago?

World Cup coach Gyorgy Mezey is convinced his team will perform well in Mexico.

He refuses to think of past glories and long-retired stars as he fashions a new-look Hungary.

"We have to educate out public who believe you need a line-up of stars for success. The days of Puskas are gone," says Mezey.

"The Hungarian people cannot understand our lack of success over the past two decades. I believe we can do much better in Mexico than in recent World Cups.

"The players agree we are in a new era of football in Hungary, retaining

our traditional skill and flair but adding pace, strength and stamina.

"I told my players they had to adjust to the modern international game — or continue playing slow, clever, football at club level and stay at home.

"We will shock many people in the World Cup providing our finishing matches our approach play."

Mezey could be on a winner with this team which he took over in 1983 on a three-year contract.

Hungary has a good record in World Cups. The Magyars did not compete in 1930 or 1950 but they have entered nine times — and reached the final stages nine times.

Their greatest di-

sappointment was in Switzerland in 1954 when, as the hottest of favourites they went down 3-2 to the Fritz Walter-led West Germany.



HUNGARY battle it out against Czechoslovakia in a friendly in pouring rain. Pictured from this fine Hungarian outfit are Poloskel (no.16) and Andre Torocsik.

EVERTON STILL SEEK STARS



GARY LINEKER one of Everton's super-buys

DESPITE having probably the best all-round squad of first team players in the first division, Everton are anxious to buy more stars.

The player they fancy most is Sunderland's former captain Barry Venison, who has been available for transfer since October when he was listed by manager Lawrie McMenemy.

Sunderland want \$400,000 for the player but Everton rate him at \$300,000.

Coventry and QPR are also keen to buy Venison ... at the right price.

A HOME AWAY FROM HOME!

SUNDERLAND took their players away for a few days at the seaside last week — but not to an exotic resort in Spain, Greece or the West Indies.

No, the Sunderland players travelled to Scarborough in Yorkshire — about 200 kilometres from home!

The club is losing \$20,000 a week, so expensive holidays are out of the question.

DALGLISH JOINS THE CLUB

WHEN Kenny Dalglish played his 100th international for Scotland, he joined the select "ton-up" club of British players with 100 caps.

There are only four members of this exclusive club - Bobby Moore, Bobby Charlton, Pat Jennings and Dalglish.

Typically, Dalglish refuses to talk too much about his own personal achievements.

"The World Cup is more important than my personal appearances. Doing well in Mexico — that's what matters," said Dalglish.

"Scotland has qualified

for the World Cup finals for the fourth successive time, a staggering record when you consider the size of our country."

Although his 100th international appearance against Romania at Hampden Park was a great day for Kenny, the Liverpool player-manager insists: "I felt enormous pride every time I was selected. To play for your country is an honour that some players never experience."

WEMBLEY FINAL SAVES FACE FOR THE CUP

THE full Members Cup Final in England between Manchester City and Chelsea attracted 60,000 people — just about saving the Cup from becoming a complete farce.

Instituted this year because so many top English clubs are barred from Europe, the FM Cup has attracted dreadful support through its early rounds.

The 26 matches pulled in 104,728 spectators, an average of 4,000 per match — not enough to cover overheads.

Originally the final was scheduled over two legs, home and away, but both Chelsea and Manchester City decided to take a

gamble on Wembley.

It paid off, providing a happy ending to an unhappy Cup competition.

By the way, the biggest crowd at any match — until the Wembley final — was 11,571 to watch Sunderland and Grimsby Town at Roker Park.

One of these days, the people running Soccer in England will realise the game needs fewer competitions — not more.



KERRY DIXON was unable to help Chelsea in the Full Members Cup Final that was won by Manchester City

EXCITING ENZO MEXICAN TRUMP

ENZO FRANCESCOLI, the exciting Uruguayan forward or midfielder, is tipped to be one of the great stars of this year's World Cup.

Enzo is all skill and he packs a terrific goalscoring punch.

He scored a magnificent hat trick for his club, River Plate of Argentina, against Poland's World Cup squad — and that was in Warsaw.

Uruguay are in the same World Cup group as West Germany, Denmark and Scotland — easily the toughest of all groups.

Scotland boss Alex Ferguson is compiling a thorough dossier on the Germans and the Danes and you may be sure he has also underlined the name Francescoli in the Uruguayan side.



ENZO FRANCESCOLI in River Plate colours he may be one of the stars of this year's World Cup



PORTUGUESE BOSS A FURIOUS MAN

PORTUGAL'S World Cup preparations have been handicapped by the success of two top teams, Sporting and Benfica.

World Cup coach Jose Torres is furious that he has not been able to call on players from those clubs to take part in the Cup build-up.

"I am not being unpatriotic but I had nightmares about those two clubs doing well in European competitions.

"The authorities insisted that the 12 players from Sporting and Benfica would be exempt from World Cup work-outs while their teams were still playing in Europe.

"This means that many of Portugal's players will be strangers to each other when we fly into Mexico."



Portugal's outstanding midfielder star Chalana.